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ROYAL ULSSTER RIFLES
FIGHT EPIC BATTLE

Death Ride Through "Happy Valley"

From JOHN SHAW

Korea, Jan. 10.
Reinforcements are arriving along the slushy roads of Korea to replace the 204 casualties suffered by the Royal Ulster Rifles in their death ride through Happy Valley.

Tonight around camp fires of petrol-soaked sand the "new boys" heard tales of heroism and tragedy from the 600-odd who came back.

Talk seldom drifts from this topic of their battle with the Chinese on January 3, the night that Seoul was evacuated.

This action of the Ulsters and Northumberland Fusiliers is also the talk of the fighting men of all nations in Korea.

The American corps commander, Lieut-General Frank Milburn has sent a letter of appreciation: "British courage, skill and willingness to stand to the test have never been more evidenced than on this occasion."

Brigadier Thomas Brodie, commander of the British 28th Brigade, has issued this order of the day:

"The stand made by this Brigade in its first battle was magnificent. The men fought as I knew they would. No ground was given up on our part of the front and we retired only when ordered. I thank every one of all ranks of all arms for the part they played. Our casualties were, unhappily, very heavy and I am sad to think of the number of good officers and men we have lost."

BORE THE BRUNT

The Ulsters took the brunt of the scrap. The location of their battle is a little difficult to find on the map. Take the north-west road out of Seoul for eight miles to Kaeong. Then strike north to Koyang, three miles ahead. No roads are shown on the map because the battalion had to bulldoze a way. Half-way there is a valley of rice paddies.

A poetic wug to the battalion news sheet "The Harp" wrote: "There's a little campo canyon to the west of Uijeng."

Compo is, of course, the ration the Tommies get and the Chinese get their rations from the paddies. The Baker and Dog companies were on 200-foot hills to the right of Compo Camp. You with the command post in an unfinished railway tunnel below them. On the hills across to the dried-up river bed and to their east were the Able and Charlie companies with a mobile battle patrol in carriers and a force of 12 Cromwell tanks in the dip at the base of this U-shaped opposition.

Before dawn, shooting was heard near Koyang. Lieutenant Bruce Davies of Cardiff left a four-man patrol to find out what was happening. Grenades were heard bursting and these men didn't come back.

THE ATTACK

Half an hour later Baker and Dog were attacked. The Chinese had crept silently right into their positions. There was

hard hand-to-hand fighting and the Ulsters had to withdraw from the hill.

The fight died down after a few hours but both companies counter-attacked and regained the hilltops.

That was the situation at dusk when the Brigade had orders from the Corps to withdraw behind Seoul. Brigadier Brodie replied that his men were so far forward that he couldn't start to retire immediately.

By 9.30, when the column started to move back the allied forces on either flank had already withdrawn. The only way out for the Ulsters was the way they had come. They had first to pass along half a mile of bullock track beside the river bed forming a crescent-shaped tail to the letter U. It ran immediately under a 60-foot cliff below the hills from which they had withdrawn.

The first part of the column got safely through. Then at 10.10 the Chinese opened up with machine guns from the entire length of the cliff top.

THE FIGHT

In hundreds they came scrambling down hurling grenades and screaming in mad frenzy and spurred on by the inevitable bugle calls.

The Ulsters jumped off their vehicles and fought back. The bloody battle lasted until 2 a.m. The Chinese, although down by withering fire of Bessa machine guns on the tanks would not be repulsed. They swarmed over the vehicles blowing them up with sticky bombs.

They fitted the handles of these sticky bombs into 12-foot bamboo poles and thrust them on to the tanks.

After the men had been compelled to abandon their vehicles they were ordered to fight their way out.

Major John Shaw of Colchester took one group over the mountains. When they came to a village already occupied by the Chinese the major gave the order to fix bayonets and led them through, every man walking doggedly onward firing his rifle from the hips.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Integration Of Policies

THE statement on Britain's attitude to the current situation in Korea and the best means of settling the trouble and at the same time avoiding a general war, which seemingly comes from authoritative sources, is a further sign that the British Government has worked out a firm policy which it also believes is practicable and likely to produce desired results. Critics of British foreign policy during the past five years (and these, of course include the Communist propagandists) have striven to convince the public that Britain has no independence when it comes to international affairs but is made to dance to any tune set by the United States. There has never been any foundation for the allegation and if proof of this were needed it is offered by the British stand over treatment of the Korean problem and Communist China's intervention. The United States, showing signs of impatience and apparently becoming convinced that settlement by negotiation is impossible, believes that strong measures against Red China are called for; Britain has quite emphatically disassociated herself from this philosophy and continues to regard negotiations as the only satisfactory way of bringing about not only a settlement in Korea, but a general easing of tension in the Far East. Britain argues—and quite effectively—that any United Nations move to brand Communist China as an aggressor must be meaningless unless accompanied by sanctions and other warlike steps, and that any war with China at this time must bring about hostilities in Europe. The British Government sees no chance of a war between the Western Powers and China

being limited to the Far East theatre, wherefore every effort must continue to be made to reach a solution by negotiation. On this issue, therefore, Britain and America appear to part ways, but it would be grossly erroneous to suggest or imagine that this signifies any split in Anglo-American unity over the question of opposition to aggression and Communistic expansionism. On basic principles the United States and Britain remain at one and there is a clear determination by both nations to integrate their policies in international affairs. But integration does not mean dictation by either party. Common interests are at stake and a general common policy is called for. This still permits flexibility of methods in applying policy, and it is this flexibility which enables nations like the United States and Britain to exchange ideas and eventually to reach a compromise which is practicable as well as acceptable.

Thus we may expect to see eventually in the handling of the Korean and Communist China problems. Whatever difference of opinion there may exist today about dealing with the situation in the Far East it does not interfere with the common aims of the Western democracies, nor does it prejudice in any way their political unity. This is demonstrated by today's announcement that the United States is willing to give support to a new peace plan—a sign that she is willing for the present to put aside her proposals to have Communist China branded as an aggressor and to call for sanctions against the Peking Government. The gesture typifies the Democracies' honest desire to achieve peace through negotiation.

Would Welcome HK Capital

Manila, Jan. 12.
President Elpidio Quirino has told members of a Hongkong trade mission the Philippines would welcome Chinese industrial capital.

The Hongkong group, here on a 10-day survey of Philippines trade possibilities, called on the President at Malacañan Palace yesterday.

Mr Quirino said foreign investments in this country would be given full protection and alien traders would not be discriminated against. — Associated Press.

MacArthur
"Stripped Of Authority,"
Report

Chicago, Jan. 11.
The Chicago Daily News said today in a story from Tokyo that "there is evidence that Washington has stripped General Douglas MacArthur of authority to speak freely on the Korean war."

A story by Keyes Beech of the Daily News foreign service reported that view "although Gen. MacArthur retains titular command of the United Nations forces in Korea."

Beech's dispatch, as released by the newspaper also said: "This came out on Wednesday night in the form of the unprecedented action of taking away from Gen. MacArthur the authority to issue communiques on current ground military operations in Korea."

"This authority was transferred to Lieutenant-General Matthew Ridgway, Eighth Army Commander."

"All United Nations forces come under the Eighth Army."

The NEW SET-UP

Beech said the new set-up was authorized by Colonel Martin P. Edols, Gen. MacArthur's Public Relations Officer.

The story added: "Gen. MacArthur's headquarters is reduced to releases of a general nature, human interest stories and awards and decorations."

"Not in the memory of the oldest correspondents covering Gen. MacArthur's headquarters for decades has the illustrious General been submitted to such a buttoning up."

"On the contrary, during the Pacific War and five years of occupation of Japan, nobody has ever spoken for Gen. MacArthur's Command but Gen. MacArthur himself."

"That Gen. MacArthur would knowingly surrender his freedom of speech is unthinkable to those who know him best."

Beech said the new information arrangement "lends credence to reports that since the United Nations reverses in Korea as a result of Chinese intervention, the General has been operating under a Washington-imposed gag rule."

Beech wrote that when one correspondent "sought to make some sense" out of the censorship code by questioning "a key MacArthur subordinate" the latter snapped: "Why do not you ask the Commanding General of the Eighth Army?"

The Beech story added: "Colonel Edols said he received only press reports of the Eighth Army's censorship regulations."

"This was interesting, since he is Gen. MacArthur's personal Public Information Officer."

WITHDRAWAL

Colonel Edols described as a "fragment of the writer's imagination" a story Beech wrote on Wednesday reporting that Gen. MacArthur had urged withdrawal of all United Nations troops from Korea.

Beech wrote today: "It is significant that Colonel Edols himself personally approved the story, and in doing so overruled his own censor after one of them had torn it up."

In New York, Major General Floyd Park, Army Chief of Information, referring to the report of transfer of authority to issue communiques from Gen. MacArthur to Gen. Ridgway, said: "Washington had nothing to do with it."

Gen. MacArthur transferred the job of communicating to the Eighth Army in the interest of speeding up the news. The overall authority is still Gen. MacArthur and Washington has done nothing to alter this."—Associated Press.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

An explanatory note attached to the emergency regulations gives the following particulars:

The Registration of Persons Ordinance was enacted in August, 1949, to meet the need for legislation enabling a register of persons to be kept and providing for individual identification.

The primary objective of that legislation was to aid any measures which may from time to time be found necessary for the maintenance of law and order and for the distribution of supplies and food or other commodities. The obligation of registration was imposed on all persons except that exemption was given from the requirements in the case of members of His Majesty's forces, the Hongkong Police Force, bona fide travellers in transit and children under the age of 12 years.

Registration under the Ordinance named has since its enactment proceeded and a

time limit for the Chinese Communists to give their answer but he did not set a deadline.

If the last effort fails, he said, he felt the UN will be firmly united in further steps to resist aggression.

It was understood here that the proposals laid down by Mr Pearson had the backing of the British Commonwealth conference in London.

Mr Ben C. Limb, South Korean Foreign Minister, also accepted the principles.

Mr Jacob A. Malik, Soviet Delegate, said he would have to study the principles, and then launch into an attack on South Korea and the United States.

Associated Press.

PEKING'S TERMS

London, Jan. 10.

Communist China is reported

to have relayed through Mr Sardar Panikar, Indian Ambassador in Peking, its final terms for a cease-fire in Korea.

The report, which could not

be confirmed officially, claimed that Mr Panikar transmitted Red China's terms to the Indian Prime Minister, Mr Jawaharlal Nehru, who is here for the Commonwealth conference.

Peking was said to have demanded:

1. A seat on the United Nations Security Council.

Compulsory Registration Of

British Subjects

NEW H.K. REGULATIONS
ISSUED THIS MORNING

Applications To Be Made

By February 1

Compulsory registration of every British subject of both sexes of or above the age of 17 years not later than February 1, 1951, was announced in the Government Gazette this morning, when emergency regulations, cited as the Emergency (Registration of British Subjects) Regulations, 1951, were published.

The object of this measure, according to an official spokesman, is that Government requires a complete list of all British subjects resident in Hongkong because, should Hongkong be faced with an emergency, there were all kinds of jobs that must be performed, and a complete list of persons qualified for such jobs was therefore required.

The spokesman added that there was no suggestion of putting anyone into uniform. The step being taken was simply to conform to the line taken by other Governments throughout the world and in other Colonial territories to be in a state of preparedness.

In these regulations "British subject" means a person who is or claims to be a citizen of the United Kingdom and Colonies, a citizen of Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Union of South Africa, Newfoundland, India, Pakistan, Southern Rhodesia, Ceylon, a British protected person and includes a citizen of the Irish Republic.

"Registration Commissioner" means the person appointed as Commissioner of Registration for the Colony under the Registration of Persons Ordinance.

The regulations do not apply to members of His Majesty's Regular Naval, Military or Air Forces and their wives, nor to members of the Hongkong Police Force and their wives.

Every British subject of or above the age of 17 years who is in the Colony at the date of publication of these regulations shall, not later than the first day of February, 1951, make a written application to the Registration Commissioner to be registered under these regulations in the form set out.

Every British subject of or above the age of 17 years who after the date of publication of these regulations arrives in the Colony otherwise than as a bona fide traveller in transit through the Colony shall, within fourteen days of his arrival make a written application as provided for in the regulations.

Any changes in particulars supplied to the Registration Commissioner shall, within fourteen days of the occurrence of such change, be notified to the Registration Commissioner.

Power is also given to the Registration Officer to call for further information.

He pointed out that the statement said there must be a formal cease fire or lull in hostilities.

Mr Austin spoke after Britain, France and Norway had supported the statement of principles laid down by Mr Lester B. Pearson, Canadian Foreign Minister.

"There is a constant flow of communications from the Ambassador in Peking to the Prime Minister which cannot be divulged here."—United Press.

Huks Ambush Buses

30 PASSENGERS KILLED

Manila, Jan. 12.
Communist Huks ambushed three motor buses on a Bataan Province road last night, killing a reported 30 passengers.

Passengers who escaped the ambush scene told news correspondents a group of about 200 Huks stopped the three buses within a space of one hour at a lonely spot near Hermosa, 30 miles northwest of Manila.

Several women passengers were raped, reports to Manila newspaper said.

The Huks took money and valuables the passengers were carrying.

Two Philippine Army units which attempted to reach the ambush scene last night were repulsed by superior Huks forces who established road blocks.

A bus company identified six dead. Survivors said they believed there were at least 30 all told.—Associated Press.

Pulled Off Sandbank

Singapore, Jan. 11.
The US Navy oiler Tomahawk was pulled off a sandbank 22 miles west of here today by the US Navy frigate Albuquerque and the British harbour tug Gruber.

An un-named crew member reportedly suffered a fracture of the skull during the operation.

The vessel went aground in the Singapore Straits earlier in the day and damaged her propeller. But after being pulled free, she was able to make port under her own power.

The Albuquerque hit bottom herself during the operation, but managed to pull herself off.—Associated Press.

Pickpockets' Union

Alexandria, Jan. 11.
Alexandria's pickpockets have a union with a membership of 400 men and 100 women, police discovered recently.

The union, besides taking care of its members' interests, also arranges for marriages between male and female pickpockets. The dowry paid by the bride-groom (in Egypt, it's the man who pays the dowry) is proportional to the "professional" ability of the bride.—Associated Press.

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Washington Visions Of Chiang Kai-Shek Invasion Prospects

FROM SYDNEY SMITH
(Daily Express Staff Reporter)

Washington, Jan. 10.

Wafts from a pipe dream in Formosa 10,000 miles away are infecting the nicely conditioned airs of the Pentagon and Capitol Hill with visions of a million and more anti-Communist mainland guerrillas waiting to welcome the Generalissimo back to China from which he was whipped with his battered battalions nearly two years ago.

And the prospect of a Chiang landing on the mainland to rally millions of disillusioned Communists is bubbling to the surface like an over-cooked dumpling in the hectically boiling stew of America's present foreign affairs debate.

Eisenhower May Pay Visit To Spain

Possible Call On General Franco

Manila, Jan. 11.

Political circles here said today that the Atlantic Pact Commander, General Eisenhower, might visit Spain in his tour of Europe.

As Spain is not a member of the Atlantic Pact he would not normally include Madrid in his visits to capitals.

General Eisenhower is due to visit Lisbon about January 17 and the suggestion here is that he might call on General Franco on his way.

Alternatively, it is suggested that if Franco and General Eisenhower do not meet then the Portuguese Prime Minister, Dr Salazar, might mediate between the Atlantic Pact Powers and Spain.

The impression here is that Franco feels that Spain should be openly invited to collaborate if her help is needed but would not be willing to leave Spain to meet General Eisenhower.—Reuter.

IN COPENHAGEN

Copenhagen, Jan. 11.

General Eisenhower, Commander of the Atlantic Pact Army, flew into Copenhagen from The Hague today on the fourth leg of his tour of West European capitals.

The Copenhagen police were busy during the afternoon removing Communist posters which had appeared on walls overnight.

No arrests were made, the police said.—Reuter.

Ilse In A Fit

Augsburg, Jan. 11.

Ilse Koch, "red witch" of Buchenwald, threw a fit just as the public prosecutor was about to demand punishment for her in his summing up here today. "Carry her out as they carried out the dead men of Buchenwald," the judge boomed.

Two policemen lifted her up, chair and all, and swept her out of the court amid thunderous applause of the public, many of whom were old concentration camp inmates.

The prosecutor demanded life imprisonment for Koch.—Reuter.

French Successes In Tonkin Drive

Saigon, Jan. 11.
Many Vietminh insurgents were taken prisoner today in local operations within the French-held perimeter in Tonkin, tonight's military communiqué said.

These operations, which were continuing, followed Vietminh attacks last night at three points within the perimeter in the Baoninh area of the Red River delta.

Two French posts came under fire from Vietminh mortars and automatic weapons.

French aircraft attacked Vietminh forces northwest of Phuyocen, about 40 kilometres northwest of Hanoi. Many Vietminh soldiers came over to the French side in the Hué sector of central Annam where clearing operations are continuing.

North of Hué a Vietminh political commissar and a group leader surrendered with their weapons, the communiqué said.

In the south, the Vietminh lost three killed, four prisoners, and five wounded in a clash southwest of Phamrang and in the plateau country. Commandos or local mountaineers raided and ambushed Vietminh forces.

Posts manned by members of the Hoahuo religious sect, east and northeast of Longxuyen, 100 kilometres southwest of Saigon, were attacked for an hour and a half by Vietminh forces, estimated at about 100 strong.

Plumbing The Depths of The Ocean



The Danish research ship Galathaea recently arrived in Cape Town, South Africa, for a short stop during her round-the-world scientific voyage. The scientists aboard are to find out how much plant and animal life exists in the ocean depths. Several of the scientists are sailors who were conscripted into the Danish Navy. Here one of them is seen in the ship's laboratory, which houses equipment valued at several thousand pounds. London Express Service.

HOPES IN ASIA FOR GENERAL TREATY TALKS

New York, Jan. 11.

Asiatic diplomatic sources expressed hope on Thursday that a general conference on the Japanese peace treaty be held instead of arrangements for a series of separate agreements, as reportedly proposed by the United States.

These sources said: "The former procedure may afford a chance to negotiate with Communist China on the whole pattern of Far Eastern issues."

These sources speculated that even in the event of failure of the United Nations to arrange for full-fledged discussions with Red China as a corollary to a possible Korean cease-fire, the opportunity to sit at a conference table with Peking in whether the Generalissimo is accepting "defensive" aid in quite the spirit in which it is given.

Chiang's supporters claim that he is fit to be let loose to defeat Communist China's threat to four million man army.

If he could suddenly present the American Government with the fait accompli of even a small successful sortie on the mainland then the American chorus for signing up Chiang in the United Nations forces would be almost too much for the Acheson-Truman alliance to resist and survive.—London Express Service.

Any decisions to give up the idea of a general Japanese conference plus the negligible likelihood of the success of United Nations mediators to come to terms with Peking over Korea, would eliminate any possibility of real contact between Red China and the Western world.

The risk that Russia would use such a conference as a propaganda forum would be small compared to the political gains that might arise from a debate with Peking representatives.

These speculations were the result of indications that Chinese Communist participation in the discussions of a Japanese peace treaty may be agreed upon by the Western powers.

The suggestion that Peking be given a choice in the matter originated at the Commonwealth conference in London on Tuesday, and these diplomats were encouraged by signs that the United States took no immediate steps to bar Peking's participation. Secretary of State Dean Acheson, at his Press conference on Wednesday, merely said that he had no official knowledge of such reports, emanating from London.

OPEN DOOR

These sources said Peking's participation in the treaty talks need not signify its recognition by either the United States or the United Nations. They said that should the United Nations' peace-making efforts in Korea fail now, the possibility of a conference on Japan may provide an open door for an exchange of views with Peking, and may lead to discussions on other Far Eastern problems.

Only Britain, India and Russia—the latter in the negative—have formally replied to the United States memorandum, and it is expected that considerable argument would arise over the American decision not to place restrictions on Japanese rearmament as well as over the United States ideas concerning Formosa, Okinawa, the Pescadores and southern Sakhalin.

Australia, New Zealand and the Philippines are said to have misgivings about rearming Japan.

Commenting on the suggestion to invite Communist China to the treaty conference, the New York Times said editorially on Wednesday that "any plan based on such a contingency can only be stillborn." But Asiatic sources stressed that it is never too late to revert to the procedure of separate treaties should Peking use the opportunity for propaganda or for voicing unacceptable terms.

United Press.

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



I WON'T WEAR THESE SILLY CLOTHES—I WON'T BE AN OBJECT IN THIS CRAZY MUSEUM!

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Atomic Weapons To Be Tested

Washington, Jan. 11.
The Atomic Energy Commission tonight announced plans to test atomic weapons on a closely guarded bombing range in the State of Nevada.

The experiments will make the first nuclear explosions in the United States since the first atom bomb test in New Mexico in 1945. The Atomic Energy Commission said that President

Hundreds of huge ice blocks recently forced their way up the dyke and "attacked" part of the Dutch island of Marken. A minor state of emergency was proclaimed to enable the inhabitants to combat the invasion.—London Express Service.

7TH FLEET PATROL MAINTAINED

Washington, Jan. 11.
A United States Navy spokesman told Reuter today the American 7th Fleet had not been withdrawn from the Formosan Strait. But he said there were frequently times when no American ships were in the straits. A 7th Fleet air patrol was maintained in the area at all times he declared.

The spokesman was commenting on a report published in London that the fleet had been withdrawn.

"There has been no withdrawal, tactical or otherwise, of the 7th Fleet from the Formosan Strait," he said.

"The public appears to have the erroneous impression that we are keeping a task force continually steaming up and down the strait.

"The Navy is operating in strength in the Korean area with one eye over its shoulder toward Formosa."—Reuter.

Director Found Not Guilty

London, Jan. 11.

Roy Speer, director of many top British radio shows, was found not guilty in the Central Criminal Court today of obtaining bribes from a scriptwriter. He was discharged.

Speer, thirty-eight, had denied the allegations that he had corruptly received £80 from Albert Parker. He said the money was the repayment of a loan made to Parker in India during the war.

Parker said he had repaid this loan and that the £80 was to be a gift to Speer, who was "hard up".

Speer had asked Parker to write the script of two B.B.C. shows, one of which had already been started by another writer.—Reuter.

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EMPIRE TALKS ON FAR EAST

Bevin Explains Britain's Policy On Recognition

Dulles' Mission To Japan

Washington, Jan. 11. The State Department announced today that Mr John Foster Dulles would soon head a high level State and Defence Department mission to Tokyo to consult with General Douglas MacArthur and Japanese leaders on the peace treaty.

Other official sources said it was expected Mr Dulles would leave in about 10 days.

The Department said the Dulles had appointed Mr Dulles' special representative, with the personal rank of Ambassador, to conduct on behalf of the United States such further discussions and negotiations as may be necessary to bring the Japanese peace settlement to a successful conclusion eventually.

Mr Dulles, Republican policy adviser to the State Department, has been carrying on preliminary discussions on a treaty with other nations of the 13-country Far Eastern Commission since last September.

State Department officials hoped to arrange, through General MacArthur, for consultations with Japanese political, religious and educational leaders to get their ideas on what should be in the Japanese peace treaty. They intended to talk to political leaders of all shades of opinion, in addition to the Party of the Prime Minister, Shigeru Yoshida.

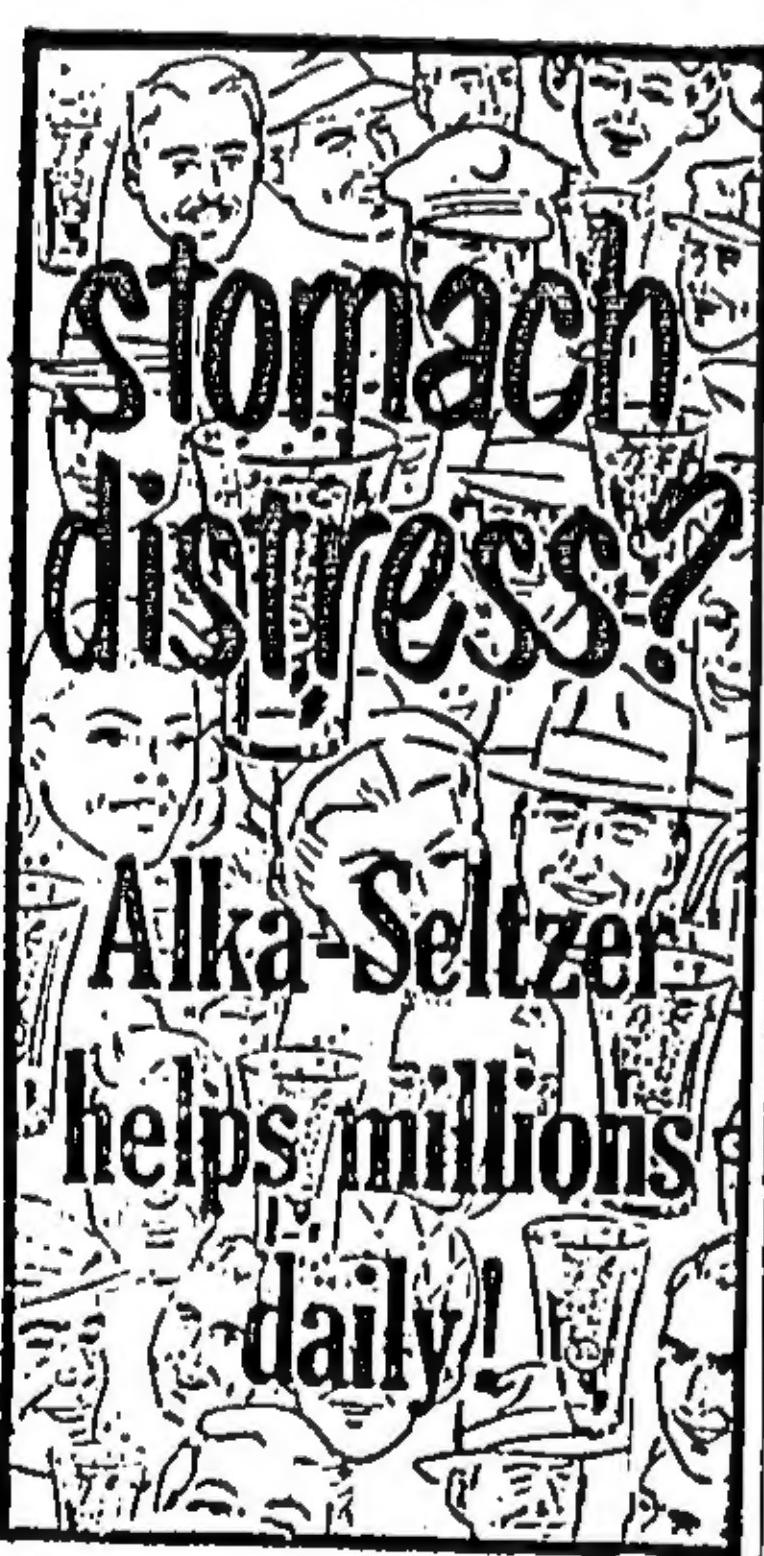
Official sources estimated that the mission would be in Japan only a few weeks. Their main purpose would be to get a better idea of what final recommendations to make to President Truman and to the Secretary of State, Mr Dean Acheson, concerning the treaty.—United Press.

What Israel Wants

Frankfurt, Jan. 11. Professor Robert Kempner, deputy prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crime trials, told here today that the Israel Government expected "deeds not words" as a prerequisite for establishing closer relations between West Germany and Israel.

Professor Kempner recently returned from Israel where he discussed possibilities for transferring from Germany funds claimed by Jews now living in Israel as restitution for property seized by the Nazis.

Professor Kempner said he would soon start negotiations with the competent German authorities to make such a transfer possible.—Reuter.



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Emergence Of New Proposals For Settling Crisis

London, Jan. 11. The Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin, has explained to the Commonwealth Prime Ministers that developments in Korea may eventually force Britain to agree to the United States policy toward Communist China, reliable sources said on Thursday.

These sources emphasised that it will still be some time until such change in Britain's China policy can take place.

One source said: "Mr Bevin still means to go on trying to secure an exchange of ambassadors with Peking, bring Communist China into the United Nations, and win the support of other nations for these two steps."

Britain is opposed to the American demand that China be branded an aggressor at this stage by the United Nations.

Mr Bevin is believed to hold that the prime aim at the present juncture is to effect a cease-fire which would prevent war with China which might lead to World War III.

But these sources said: "The Chinese advance in Korea means the day is approaching when this programme must be reconsidered."

Ten days ago, Sir Oliver Franks, Britain's Ambassador to Washington, was instructed to ask whether the United States was going to hold a line in Korea.

The United States replied it believed a line could be held and it meant to hold it. The location of this line is secret.

Mr Bevin told the Commonwealth countries that Britain would support such American efforts.

INDIA OPPOSED

He said, however, it was no longer that a line could be held at the retreat in Korea continued.

In that case the Chinese offensive would be no "mere local incursion" but an invasion of South Korea exactly like that of the North Koreans last June.

These sources said: "If the Chinese drove the United Nations forces into the sea, Britain would be forced to consider whether it could continue her present policy."

The attitude of the other Commonwealth countries to this possible shift in Britain's position is not known, but India was reported to be trying to persuade Britain to hold to her present policy.—United Press.

NEW APPROACH

London, Jan. 11. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers' plan for a new approach to the settlement of the Far East conflict is expected to reach a decisive stage in their secret discussions here today.

Talks on China and Korea were resumed this morning after a one-day switch to other subjects. It was known here that the starting point for the Korea-China talks was the six-point formulation of principles put forward by the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Ernest Bevin.

PAKISTAN VIEWS

The Prime Ministers decided finally that there must be a direct and major approach to the problem through a Big Four meeting which would cut through preliminary legalistic complications.

In view of the meeting of the United Nations Political Committee at Lake Success later today, a decision was believed imminent in the efforts to find a formula which would meet America's views and have a reasonable chance of consideration by China.

The Far Eastern question was the only important item left on the agenda of the Prime Ministers' ten-day conference, which was expected to end tomorrow with a short discussion and the issue of a communique.—Reuter.

SUPREME EFFORT

London, Jan. 11. The Commonwealth Prime Ministers' meeting here regard their new plan for a "Big Four" meeting on the Korean crisis as a supreme effort to bridge the gulf between China and the West, according to observers in London.

The United States agreed to the principle of direct talks on the Far East with Russia, Communist China and Britain, it was understood. But she preferred that they should be attempted through the United Nations.

A Commonwealth conference spokesman, replying to questions tonight, said that it was generally assumed that the proposals now being talked about would have priority over any proposal to brand Communist China as an aggressor.

The Commonwealth Prime Minister's general aim was to "get the Powers talking," the spokesman said.

The spokesman indicated that the Commonwealth statesmen had not sent any combined proposal to the United Nations at Lake Success.

But they had sent broadly similar instructions to their country's representatives there.

FAIRLY HOPEFUL The Prime Minister, whose 10-day conference is due to end tomorrow, did not receive a reported new peace offer from the

Peking Government at today's meeting.

The Commonwealth statesmen then sounded American reactions to direct talks on the Far East between Russia, Communist China, the United States and Britain.

The United States agreed to the principle of Far Eastern discussions but preferred that these should be attempted through United Nations machinery.

An official communiqué issued after today's Commonwealth meeting made no reference to the plan.

It said, "At their meeting this morning the Prime Ministers took up again various questions relating to the Far East."

"In the afternoon the Prime Ministers gave further consideration to the methods of consultation in relation to world shortages."

The raw materials proposal placed before them by a committee of senior officials recommended measures for exchanging economic information on raw materials within the Commonwealth.

The proposal also laid down that there should be a periodic review of the capital goods supplies from industrialised Commonwealth countries to the raw material producing and lesser developed Commonwealth nations.

The officials drafted this proposal after a two-hour meeting late last night.

This regular review of the capital goods questions and the position of world raw materials supplies would be carried out by the existing Commonwealth Liaison Committee in London.

The functions of this Committee would be specially enlarged for the purpose.

India, Pakistan and Ceylon

were believed to have been against a suggestion that a permanent organisation on a ministerial level should be created for considering the pooling and allocating of strategic and scarce raw materials.

Pakistan, particularly, urged that the review of the capital goods supply position should be included in the Committee's work.

The Commonwealth Liaison Committee was set up by the Commonwealth Finance Ministers during their secret talks here in July, 1949.

It consists of experts attached to the Dominions' High Commissions in London.

Its functions originally were to survey problems resulting from the dollar shortage in the Commonwealth countries of the Sterling Area and the study of ways of reducing the dollar-sterling gap.

The Prime Ministers' conference is due to end tomorrow, and an agreed official communiqué will be issued.—Reuter.

Egyptian Allegation Denied In London

Cairo, Jan. 11. The British War Office today denied an Egyptian Press report that British officers in Egypt had been arrested after allegations that they had sold military equipment without authority.

It said in a statement: "In view of reports in the Egyptian press, affecting British troops in the Middle East land forces, the War Office announced that a British officer has made a number of allegations which he is now prepared to withdraw against a small number of British civilians and serving officers in the Middle East.

"It has been thought desirable

in fairness to all concerned to hold an inquiry locally which

the allegations can be investigated. No charges apart from the allegations made by the officer referred to, have been made and no one is under arrest or detention in connection with the affair.

The War Office also announced that it has been informed by the headquarters of the Middle East Land Force, that the deputy provost marshal of British troops in Egypt, is under arrest, awaiting a court-martial which, it is understood, is taking place today, January 11.

The War Office is not yet aware of the particulars of the charge which has no connection with the other matter referred to above."

Afterwards, he was the guest of the Allied High Commissioners at lunch.—Reuter.

The deputy provost marshal of the British troops in Egypt

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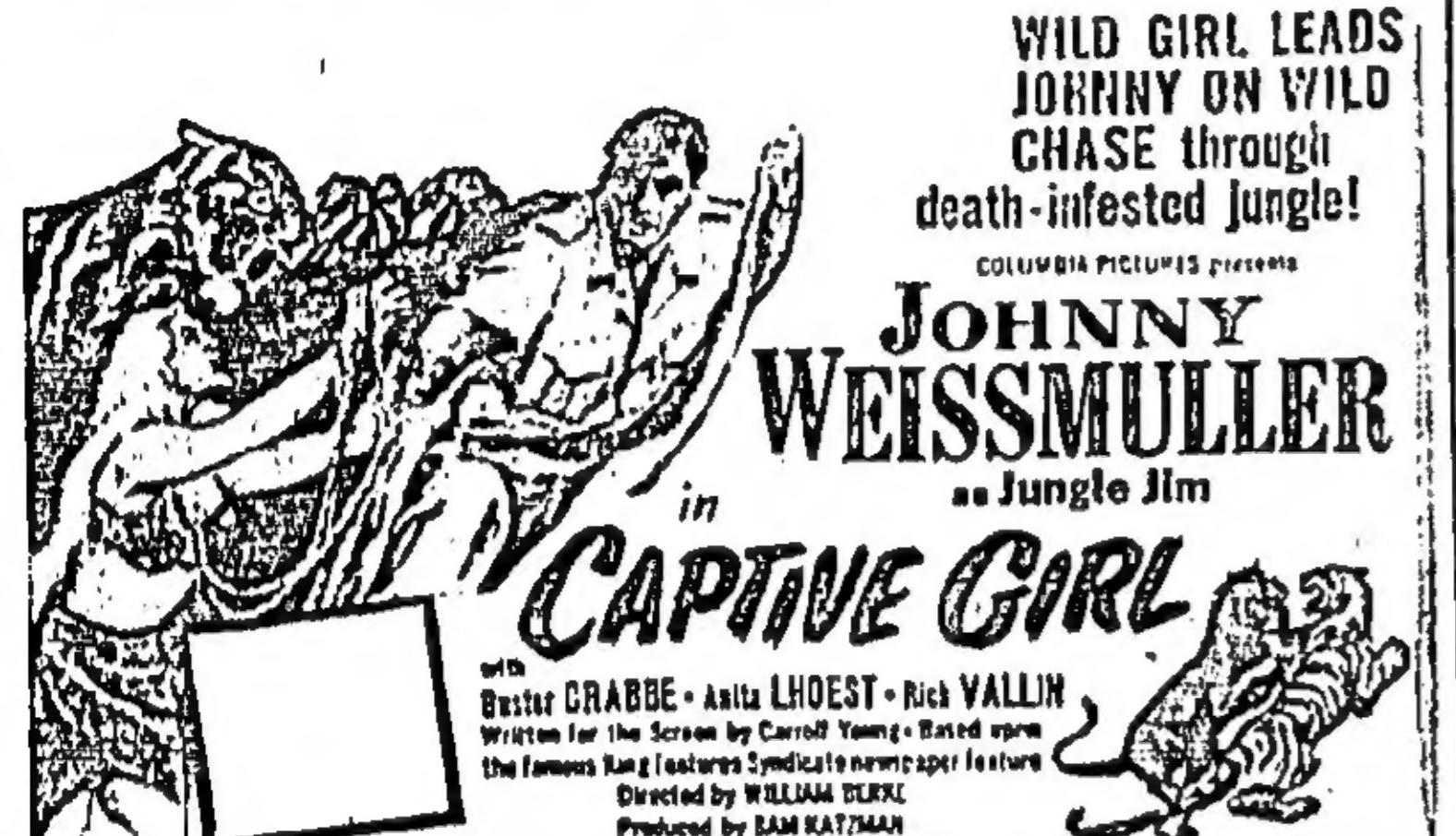
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TWO GIRLS MODEL FOR FESTIVAL MERMAID—ONE STAYS SECRET Miranda has lost her tail —she gets legs

Miranda the Mermaid, but without her tail, is to be the centre-piece of a fountain in the South Bank Festival Gardens. Instead of a tail she has beautiful legs—with fins instead of feet. Her creator is Mr Arthur Fleischmann, Czechoslovak sculptor, now an Australian citizen living in London.

He told me: "I think that mermaids with fish tails are rather dull."

"Why should not a beautiful mermaid have nice legs? She can still swim with the fins on her feet."

Her creator is Mr Arthur Fleischmann, Czechoslovak

INTEREST IN NEW AIRSHIP

United States aviation experts are studying plans for a safe airship evolved by a retired British engineer. He is Mr W. N. Alcock, of Dum-barton Crescent, Dumbarton.

For many years Mr Alcock has been convinced that the only way to achieve safe, cheap, and really comfortable air travel was to reintroduce the airship.

Friends told him he was crazy. They pointed to the R-101 disaster and failure of the German Graf Zeppelins as proof that lighter-than-air craft were no good.

But Mr Alcock kept going. He patiently checked reports and findings of every recorded airship mishap.

His conclusion? Although the conventional airship was strong as a whole, its individual parts were weak.

GLASS 'SKIN'

Now he has designed an airship which he thinks has none of the early failings.

He calls it the "pneumaship," because its construction is on the lines of a pneumatic tyre and is designed, he says, to stand as much strain.

Able to touch down on land or sea, the "pneumaship" will have an outer skin of specially-proofed glass fibre fabric, a material as strong as steel. Running from stem to stern and dispensing with the complicated arrangement of struts and spars, will be a system of pneumatic tubes.

Says the inventor: "In collision with ground or water, a pneumaship will yield to the blow, ease away and assume its original form. Like a bicycle tire hitting a pothole."

This is stated in the annual report of Lloyd's Register of Shipping.

The most notable increase in size has been in the tanker class. Ten years ago, the standard oil carrier was 12,000 tons deadweight. Today, tankers of 30,000 tons are being built.

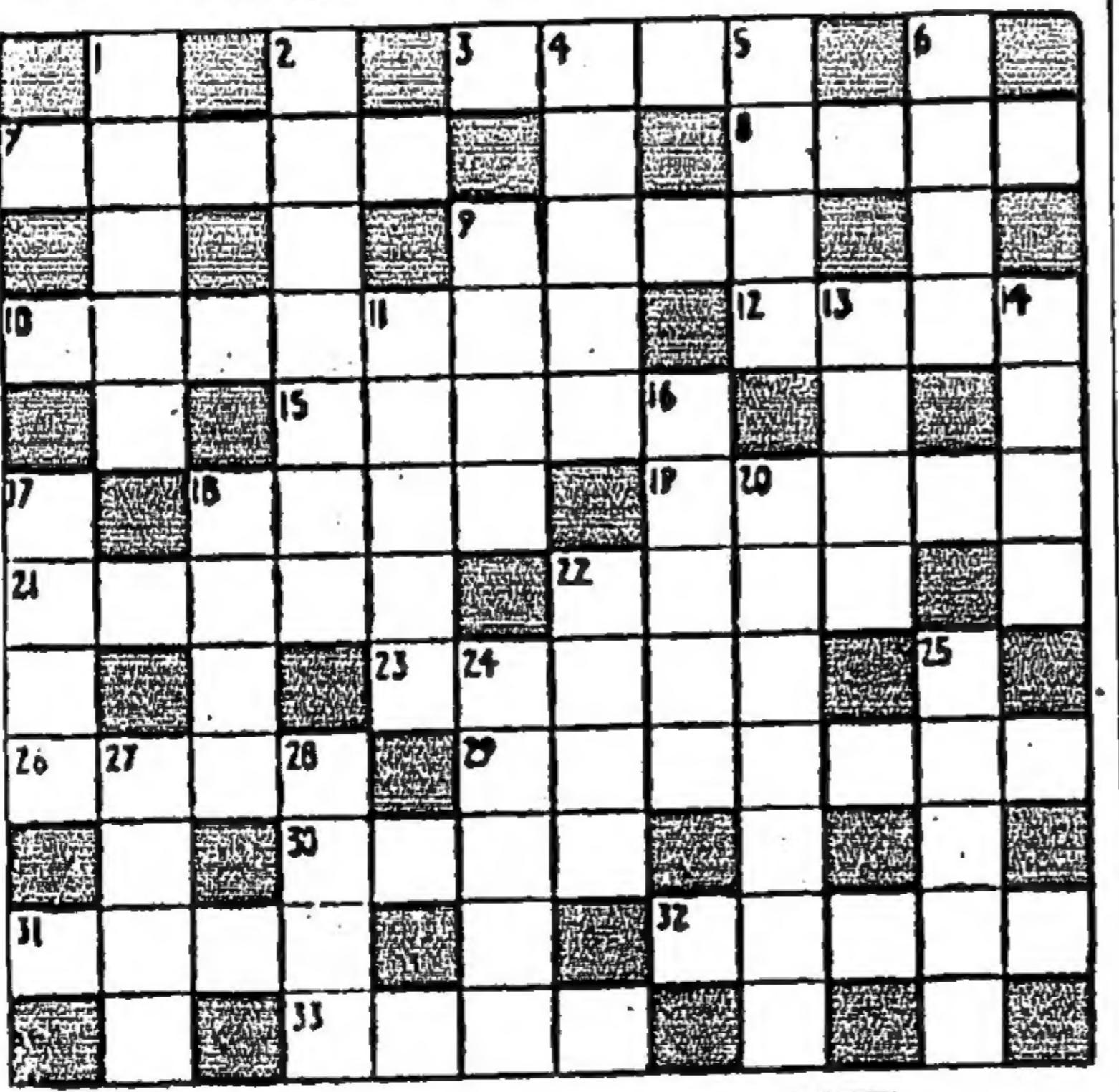
FIVE MPH MORE

Speeds of most cargo liners are now 16 to 18 knots—equal to five miles an hour increase. There are now 1,000 more ships afloat than in 1939, representing an increase of sixteen million tons.

America has the largest tonnage, but much of it is in reserve, and Britain has by far the largest merchant fleet in active employment.

The report discloses that a number of Lloyd's staff men

A British Crossword Puzzle



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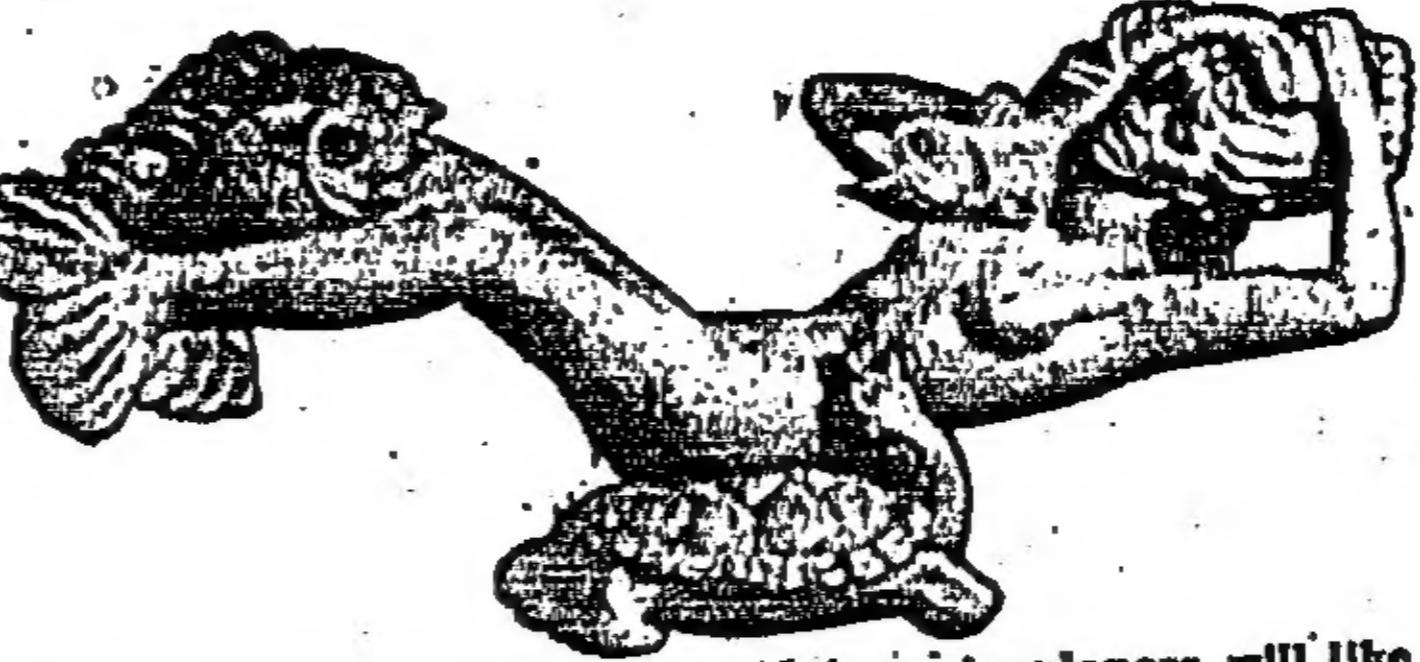
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- 26 Gasp
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- 31 Bathing-place
- 32 Extreme suffering
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YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD. — Across: 1 Dapper, 7 Blot, 9 Phial, 10 Basin, 11 Over, 13 Inseparable, 15 Erin, 16 Lode, 19 Impatience, 22 Slip, 24 Alter, 25 Yarns, 26 Fuse, 27 Wallet. Down: 2 Alias, 3 Pylon, 4 Rabbit, 5 Obsolete, 6 Home, 8 Liver, 12 Range, 13 Idles, 14 Exempted, 17 Dials, 18 Marrow, 20 Idyll, 21 Nerve, 23 Laud.

DOWN

- 1 Imposture
- 2 Repeat
- 4 Introduction
- 5 Part
- 6 Express disapproval
- 9 Flute
- 11 Fetters
- 13 Have confidence
- 14 Discover
- 16 Representative
- 17 Twist
- 18 Symbol
- 20 Ordinary
- 22 Vegetable
- 24 Criminal
- 25 Shrewd
- 27 Eager
- 29 Walked

Dog-gone



Miranda balances on a turtle. "I hope Londoners will like her," says her creator.

The finished mermaid actually bears no marked resemblance to either girl," said Mr Fleischmann.

"They really acted as a guide. The face had to combine feminine beauty with the characteristics of a sea creature."

"The final result is a face which is rather fish-like."

Miranda lies balancing on the shell of a turtle. From the mouths of the turtle and

three fishen water sprays above her.

Mr Fleischmann left Prague in 1938 after Hitler had annexed the Sudetenland, and emigrated to Australia.

He came to London in 1948, and is now working in a Mayfair studio.

He says: "I do hope Londoners will like my mermaid—and her legs."

(London Express Service)

BOYS

MY LINE...

Where Did the Leaves Go?

—Knauf and Hand Decided to Find Out—

By MAX TRELL

THE wind blew through the elm tree and away went a great crowd of leaves, fluttering through the air like huge brown butterflies. When the wind died down, they all settled on the grass, waiting for it to blow again. And when it did, up they flew again. They went dancing across the lawn, across the garden, over the brook, then across the meadow and over the hill and far away.

Knauf and Hand, the Shadows, with the turned-about names, sat on the garden wall, watching the leaves fly by.

"Where are they all going, Hand?" Knauf said at last.

"Away? Away where?"

"I don't know. Just away. Just away wherever the wind takes them."

"Let's ask Mr Merlin the Magician. He knows everything," said Knauf. Hand thought this was a sensible idea, so they both went to find Mr Merlin. They found him sitting, with his legs crossed under him like a tailor, blowing a tiny flute made out of a hollow straw. Strangely enough, he was sitting under the very elm tree from which the leaves were blowing.

"Howdy, howdy," greeted Mr Merlin the Magician, as he stopped blowing his flute to nod and smile at Knauf and Hand (and by a curious coincidence the wind stopped blowing the instant Mr Merlin stopped blowing his flute!).

"I'm glad to see you both. What can I do for you today?"

"We'd like to know," Knauf started to say, "where—

"You'd like to know where the leaves are blowing to? Is that it, my boy?" Mr Merlin chuckled.

NOTE ON FLUTE

Knauf and Hand said at once that that was exactly it.

"Woo," said Mr Merlin, blowing a note on his flute, and then stopping (two or three leaves fluttered suddenly off the tree as a puff of wind blew): "now let's see. You want to know where the leaves go? The best way to find out is to become a couple of leaves yourselves..."

The Samaria is the biggest reconversion job to the Clyde since her sister-ship, the Scythia, received similar treatment last year, and the work is expected to keep over 2,000 workers of Brown's, Clydebank, busy for the next four months.

She is the last of the Cunard fleet to regain her luxury lines. As a transport the liner sailed over 250,000 miles and carried more than 180,000 passengers during the war.

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The reconditioning job will involve new features. These will include a cinema available to both first-class and tourist passengers, public rooms and remodelled cabins.

She will bring the total tonnage of the fleet reconditioned since 1945 to more than 300,000.

LONDON CADET PARATROOPERS

Boys of a Kennington Army cadet battery may get a behind-the-scenes view this summer at an airborne exercise. Planes are being worked out for them to accompany Army parachutists in aircraft. But the boys, themselves, will not make jumps. They belong to one of the few cadet units in London linked with an airborne TA unit.

"The lads are thrilled at the idea," says Captain J.K. Bartlett, their commanding officer. "They already receive all the normal parachute training, except, of course, the jump."

GOLD IN COAL CELLAR

Mrs Nellie Cox, of Bishop's Stortford, found a small package in her coal cellar. At first she was afraid to touch it, as she thought it was a mine-blasting charge. Then she opened it—and found 30 gold coins. Twenty-five of the coins were minted in Victoria's reign; four bear the head of George IV, and one is a William IV coin.

Rupert examines the hole in the wall. "That's all right for Jock," he thinks, "but it's too small for me. I could never wriggle through. Oh, dear, is this end of my chase? How disappointing." Then he notices that the ivy is old and its branches are very strong, so Rupert has no trouble at all, and in a few minutes he is peering down into a strange and beautiful garden full of flowers.

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Lay a true bias fold in centre of the $\frac{1}{4}$ yd. length. Cut on

Put girdle on. Lay ends. Twist strip a couple of times before looping it around lapped ends, then hook it to finish closing.

Neck piece (I) is made exactly the same, except you use an easy measurement here instead of a snug one, as for the waist.

Robb draws the way she looked that night. The ingredients of a memory:

A view to beat the tourist posters aimed to get you there;

Blood red roses pinned to a white frock;

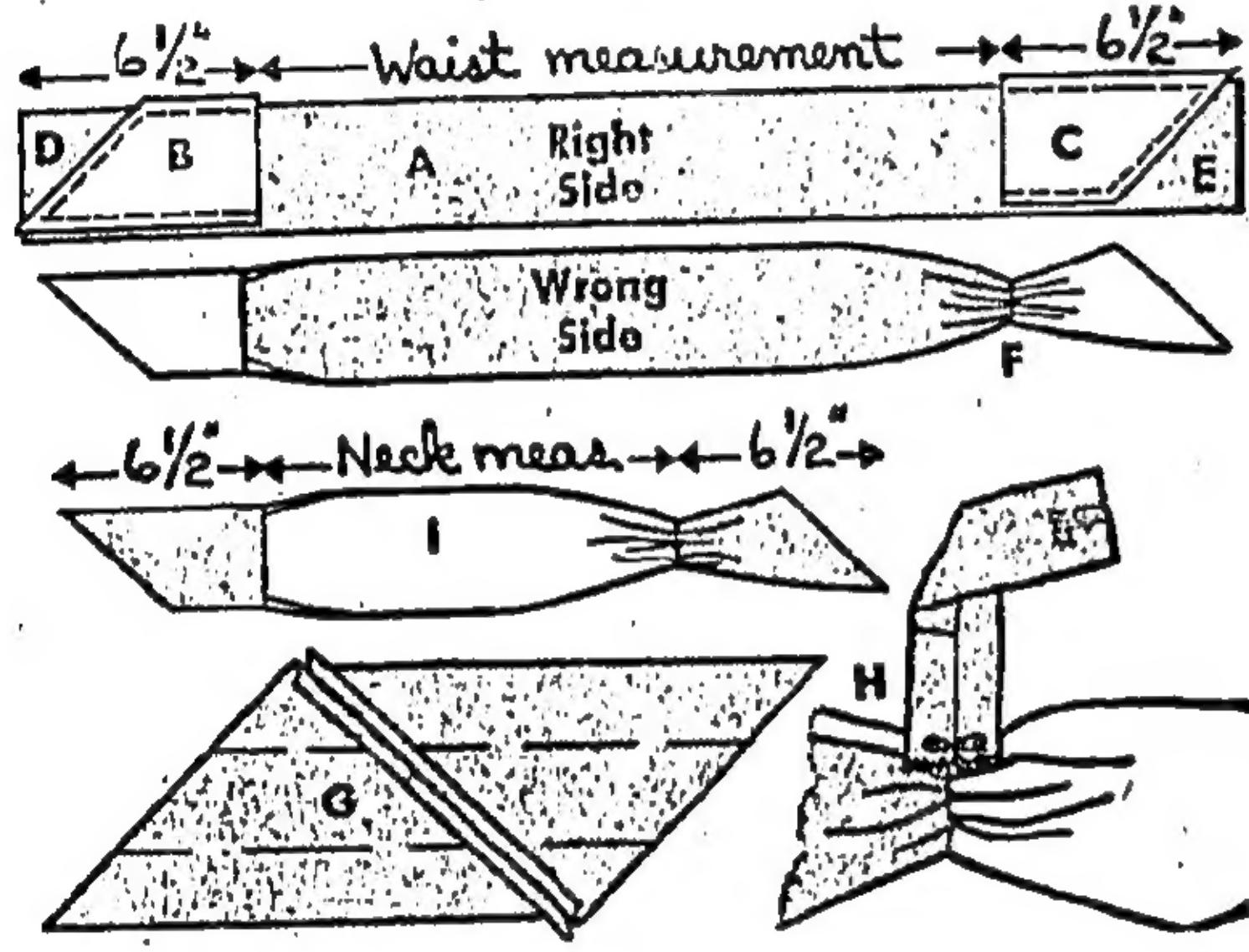
Iced white wine (plenty more inside) in a cooler near by;

And one man to share it all with.

Who was the man?

Mr Nameless (that well-known character in a woman's life).

DRUSILLA BEYFUS
(London Express Service)



Silhouetting Slim Slips



If Ankles Are On The Bulky Side

By HELEN FOLLETT

ONLY old-timers can appreciate the beautiful, sheer nylon stockings that are such a joy today. When they were young and fair, during the period of high, buttoned shoes, black cotton hosiery was worn by practically all girls and women. On grand occasions, silk stockings were the rule, but they were heavy, made the ankles look thick. Now the girl with trim ankles is in her glory. And nylons even help bulky ankles to put up a better appearance.

As women's feet are gradually getting larger through the years, so are ankles increasing in measurement. That is the conclusion of some observing instructors of physical education who have been on the job for a long time.

Extend Upward

They explain this change by saying that low shoes give more action—and freedom to the large tendon at the back of the ankle and the muscles that extend upward into the calf of the leg. Being strong,

they develop. Still and all, there are plenty of pretty ankles along the boulevards and the by-ways. A grand good looks asset of which any girl may be proud.

Correct posture and grace of the body depend to a certain extent on the ankle and instep. Ankle joints are much smaller and more delicate than those of the knee and the hip, yet they bear practically the full body weight. So keep in mind that good old rule: spinal column held tall, tummy held in, chest carried high.

Corrective Exercises

Bulky ankles can be reduced by corrective exercises and massage. If you feel that you would like to trim down your leg hinges, walk tip-toe whenever you find it convenient to do so. Lift up on the toes as high as you can; step with a spring.

Massage must be heavy, if it is to be effective. Use cocao butter for the purpose. Make a bracelet of fingers and thumbs, place them around the ankle, rub the fingers crosswise at the same time working up toward the calf of the leg. Pressure must be deep.

By VERA WINSTON

A radical change in clothes silhouette usually demands an overhauling of the lingerie department. And this season is no exception what with the sleek-slim dresses demanding equally svelte lines right through to the foundation garment.

Black nylon satin is used for an elegant slip that smartly hews to the new lines.

Two godets of black nylon lace, to match the bodice, are placed in front from the knee to the hem to allow for plenty of ease in motion. The skirt is gored all around with a set-in bias section at the waist for better fit.

PULSE RATE

In ruptured ulcer, there is increased pulse rate and rapid breathing, together with fever. Since the rupture of an ulcer allows the contents of the bowel to get into the abdomen, peritonitis or inflammation of the lining membrane of the bowel cavity develops.

Acute pancreatitis usually comes on suddenly, following the eating of a heavy meal.

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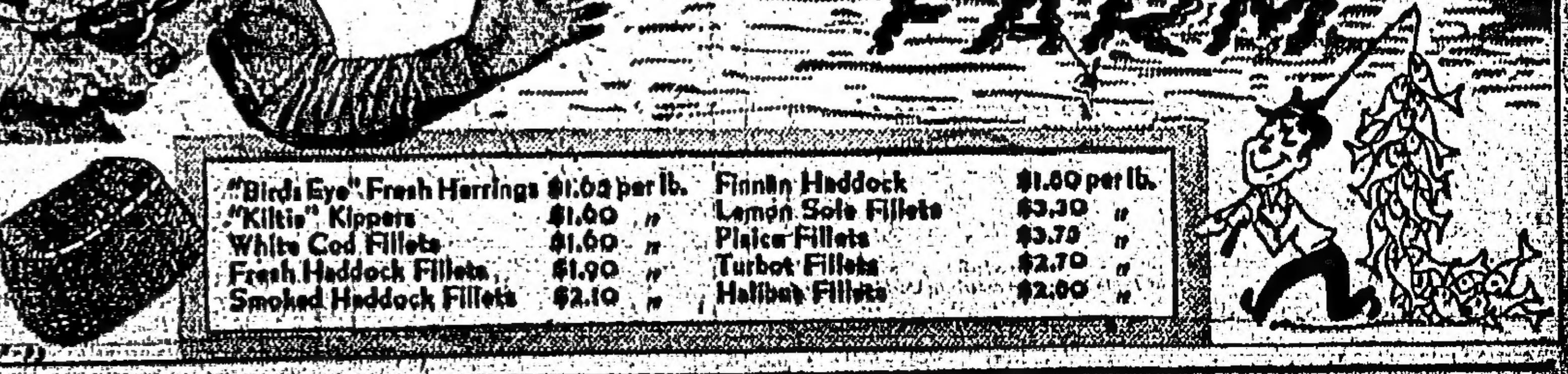
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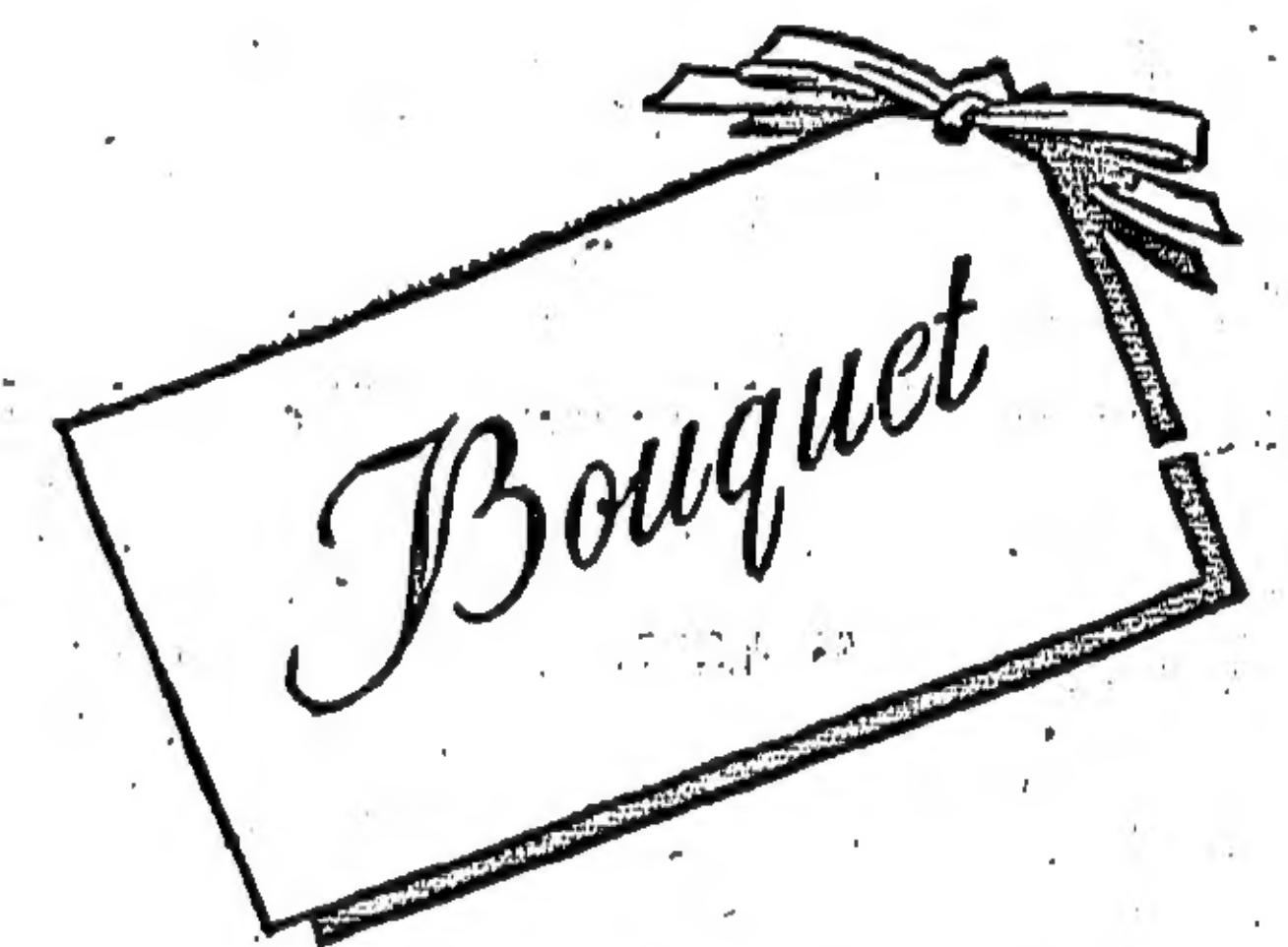
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Nutrition Don'ts
On Cooking Rice

Cuttack (Orissa),

India was attributed to deficiency of Vitamin B-1 in the food of the people by Dr Robert R. Williams, American nutrition expert now on a tour of the East.

Dr Williams, who is chairman of the committee of the fund for the combat of dietary diseases research corporation of New York said that much of the vitamin was lost by Indian Way of cooking rice, the country's staple food.

He suggested the following "don'ts" to Indian housewives for keeping the vitamin content in rice: (1) don't cook rice if too much water; (2) don't throw away the water in which the cereal is cooked; (3) don't polish the rice highly before cooking.

Home Dyes For Rugs

Homes dyes can be employed to restore the colour of faded spots on your rug. After preparing the dye solution according to directions on the box, apply with an ordinary window spray, or with a brush, suggests the Tintex home economics bureau. The colour will go on evenly and make signs of wear practically invisible, says the bureau.

Acute gallbladder infection most often occurs in overweight women past 40. These patients often are unable to eat fried or fatty foods, raw apples, cucumbers, or cabbage. The pain usually comes on in attacks, and is located in the right, upper part of the abdomen. The pain may pass into the back and up into the right shoulder. Fever is often present.

GENERALISED PAIN

In appendicitis, for instance, the pain is at first generalized but, within 24 hours, it becomes limited to the lower, right side of the abdomen. Loss of appetite, sickness at the stomach, and vomiting may also be present. Though not usually present at first, fever occurs as the condition progresses. As a general rule, there is an increase in the number of white cells in the blood.

Kidney stone colic also produces severe pain. It starts in the lower area of the back and radiates downward into the legs. Vomiting is frequently present, and there is frequent emptying of the bladder.

In coronary artery disease

with blocking of the coronary arteries, the pain starts in the chest, in most cases. The attack comes on suddenly with severe pain, which passes on into the left arm. However, it often passes into the abdomen. There is no tenderness in the abdomen, but the abdomen may also be distended or swollen.

Whenever an acute attack of pain in the abdomen occurs,

there is need for an immediate and careful study by the physician so that the cause may be found and proper treatment carried out at once.

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WINDOW ON THE WORLD

By John Ashwin

A nation-wide purge of all black marketers has been ordered by Marshal Tito in Yugoslavia. The round-up is to make sure that the aid Yugoslavia is receiving from the West does not disappear into the black market.

This purge, writes Fred Minor, does not come a moment too soon for, in the past, the Communist administration has been anything but honest. In one day recently, 22 Government officials, including two women, were convicted in different parts of Yugoslavia on charges of corruption and black market deals. Their sentences ranged from death to two years hard labour. One of the sentenced men was the general manager and warehouse administrator of a State construction company. Food received for the workers had been stolen by the employers.

In another company in Croatia, the manager and his chief accountant were arrested for selling three wagon-loads of grain, 12 tons of flour, 2,800 pairs of shoes and two million cigarettes—all on the black market. Another official concerned was the manager of a Social Insurance Office who defrauded the Government of over £3,000 by collecting workers' contributions without entering them in his books.

ARCHAEOLOGIST SPENT FORTUNE

A RUMOUR that a skeleton believed to belong to the famous "missing link" era has been found in a derelict north Italian castle has brought fame at last to an archaeologist who has spent a small fortune on Roman excavations.

He is Count Ragogna, the last descendant of a noble family who now prefers to live in one room in his crumbling castle than spend money on anything but excavations.

The fossilised bones of the supposed "missing link" were found in miocene formations and have led experts to believe that the creature—whatever it was—stood about 8 ft. 5 inches tall and walked upright. Comparison between the bones of a Roman skeleton and those of the miocene creature show that the two structures are strangely similar.

In view of this, Count Ragogna was recently invited to an archaeological Congress in Florence but was unable to accept the invitation. He had not enough money for the journey.

RUSSIANS RUN CZECH MINES

WITH the threat of Western atom bomb superiority her only obstacle to world-wide aggression, Russia has now launched a new drive to increase the output of her uranium mines.

One result of this campaign has been that some 16 new mines have been opened near Carlsbad, the famous Czech resort. By imposing the hardest terms on her satellite, Russia is making sure that the mines are worked exclusively for the Soviet Union.

Supervision of the mines and their output is the responsibility of Russian engineers billeted with their families in Carlsbad's luxury hotels. This exploitation of Czechoslovakia fits even the Communist mining engineers, who often calculate how much their country should earn were they allowed to sell the uranium instead of handing it over free to the Russians.

The mines themselves are worked either by Czech, Bulgarian, Rumanian and Hungarian miners who have been attracted by the high wages and special rations, or by political prisoners who have been sentenced to forced labour. As soon as each mine is opened the area is surrounded by barbed wire and declared a "forbidden" zone.

Recently 17 Czech policemen and a large group of prisoners escaped across the border into the American zone of Germany. Now, however, security measures are even more severe and miners suspected of even trying to escape are ruthlessly shot.

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HOW GOOD ARE RUSSIA'S JETS?

by JAMES STUART

IN Korea the world's first jet-propelled air war is flaring up. Formations of Russian-built MIG 15s have been in battle with American jet fighters. Though both the Luftwaffe and the RAF had jet aircraft before the Second World War, they never clashed. It is admitted now that the original squadron of RAP Motors, our first jets which were sent to the Western Front in 1948, were largely a propaganda force.

In the Far East fighting, nothing has emerged yet to suggest that the Russian-built aircraft are as good as the modern appearance is better than the North American Sabre fighters used by the United States Air Force.

MYSTERY PLANE

THE MIG 15 is the mystery plane of the Far East war.

Little is known about it outside the Iron Curtain, and there can be no doubt that the American pilots' comments are being closely studied by the Western Powers.

Since the first swept-back wing MIG 15s reached combat with the Americans, a number of amateur reports have appeared about this advanced design Russian airplane.

It has been suggested that the MIG is powered by a jet engine developed from the small number of British Rolls-Royce engines which we allowed the Soviet to have a

The difference between centrifugal flow and axial flow jets lies in the way the air is compressed as it passes through the chamber. The axial flow engine has a smaller diameter than a centrifugal design of the same type of jet. If it is true then we can stop blaming ourselves.

There are reliable reports that the Russian fighters can

The plain fact is we do not yet know what engine the Russian fighter has, but all the evidence points to an axial flow engine. The MIG 15 has a

centrifugal flow design. The Whiteman design was a centrifugal type.

... and here is the MIG 15



MIKOYAN
Man behind the MIG.

for the Rolls-Royce engines were of centrifugal flow design, and entirely different. It is believed that the Russian aircraft, like the MIG 15 around engine designs they seized from the Germans at the end of the war.

We know that many of the Junkers jet scientists were taken to Russia in 1945 to work for the Soviets.

First reports indicated that the MIG 15 was faster than anything the United Nations had. This now appears to be false.

The Sabre, now in quantity production in America, and recently introduced in Korea, holds the world's speed record at 670 m.p.h. It is believed that the MIG has no more than about 640 m.p.h. at its

maximum speed.

The MIG 15 is the latest in the series of British Hawker Hurricane, the later Supermarine Spitfire, and the

the prototypes fly at Farnborough. We know that the

designs are equal to the

world's best, if not better. But

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on the United States Navy's Panther jet fighters which are operating in combat in the Far East. But any MIG has been shot down by a rather slower shooting Star Jet of the U.S.A.F.

ON HIS OWN

THE MIG's designers are General Artem I. Mikoyan and Mikhail I. Gurevich. With General Alexander Kurov, designer of the Yak 9, these are Russia's outstanding fighter designers. Mikoyan is an Armenian aged about 50. They have collaborated in fighter design for many years, but it is now believed that they have separated and that Gurevich is designing on his own.

The apprentices of MIG formations means that the fighter must be in quantity production.

Though we have had no chance of assessing the MIG's performance in the British performance tables, one thing is certain. We have no swept-wing fighter in production. We have first-rate designs like the Hawker 1000 533, the latest Supermarine Spitfire, the latest Gloster Meteor, our Battle of Britain Hurricane, and Spitfires. To watch the prototypes fly at Farnborough we know that the

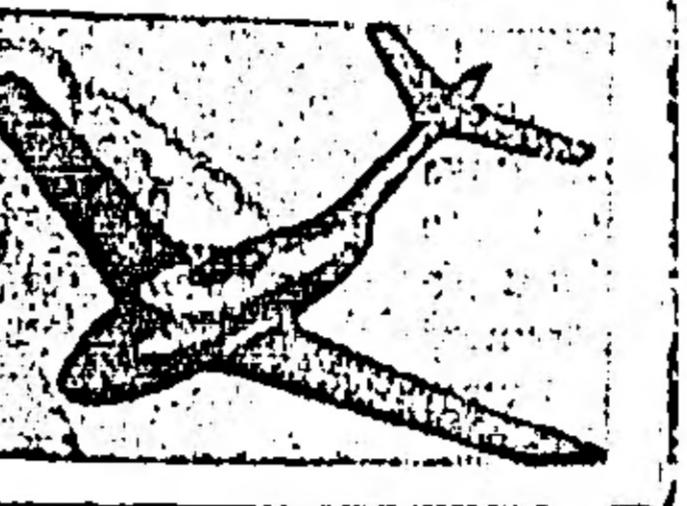
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HANS CRESCENT, LONDON'S NEW STUDENT CENTRE

—By E.B. TIMOTHY

London, Jan. 5.

"BENEDICE domine, nos et haec"—the precise, quiet academic voice sounded from the High Table, down the long dining hall, filled with university students standing at polished oak tables, and was lost before it reached the lower end.

My attention wandered from the Latin grace, to the carved oaken panels lining the walls of the hall reflected the light from a multitude of electric chandeliers, ornate billiards reached to an exquisitely designed ceiling, highly polished oak tables, lined with students of many nationalities, stretched out in front of me...

"Tu sumptu sumus"... I became conscious the grace was ending as, with a rustle, the students sat down to dine.

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For a brief spell, I thought myself transplanted to Oxford, where in ancient colleges, hundreds of students would sit that same moment also be dining in Hall, amid oak paneling and preceded by a Latin grace.

But this was not Oxford. It was Hans Crescent in London, where a good many Oxford names such as High Table, Butterley, etc., are used. Like

Oxford, the spirit of a Corporate Body, cherishing high standards looks over Hans Crescent.

The most important thing about the British Council's new Hans Crescent Residential Centre is not its luxurious furnishings, its ample facilities or even the introduction of British students, but that all residents feel themselves members of a community clothed with a spirit and dignity of its own. And when students dine in Hall, the High Table (where all the staff), the Latin grace, the corporate act of worship—all symbolic respect for the community as a whole.

To call Hans Crescent a hotel demonstrates insensitivity to its atmosphere. It is not only a centre where Colonial and English students eat, sleep and sit around between lectures. To its members, it is a University Hall of Residence, the extension of their University life outside the lecture room and laboratory.

Here students studying widely different subjects can gather in the Junior Common Room and, create that combination of ideas so essentially a part of learning in university life; here too, they have a place to which they can be proud to invite the ordinary folk of Britain—for Colonial students do not always want to be guests they like to be hosts as well.

If hitherto, Colonial students in London have felt uprooted and adrift, Hans Crescent is based on mutual respect.

The visitor is early impressed with Hans Crescent. Leaving Knightsbridge underground station he is shortly confronted with a handsome white portico whose stately colonnade rises to a broad balcony. Through the revolving doorway, past the reception office on the right, the visitor finds himself in a foyer above which a wide, carved staircase leads to the four floors of bed-study rooms. Left of the foyer is the Junior Common Room, a large place with a musicians' balcony and to the right is the Library-study room, the Senior Common Room, the dining-hall, and, in course of preparation, the concert and music hall.

Adjoining the concert and music hall will be an art gallery where Mr Hugh Palet, Director of the Centre, hopes to hold exhibitions of Colonial arts and crafts. Hans Crescent, he intends, will not only be a centre for overseas and British students, but will also project the colonies to men and women in Britain.

On the ground floor of the Centre, shaded lights gleam softly in dark panelled rooms and corridors, but upstairs the building takes on a different hue. From the three-room sick bay on the first floor, to the last study-bedroom on the fifth, the woodwork is of virgin white. Over 100 of the 170 study-bedrooms are single rooms, and the rest accommodate two students each. A telephone is available to each group of bedrooms. Bedroom furniture includes a wardrobe and a desk for each student.

Glaciers, desert—even trees—are on the move



By ALLAN RANDS

Greenland change

IN 1910 the navigation season along Western Spitzbergen lasted only three months; now the period extends to at least seven months. The ice in some parts of Greenland has fallen back to such an extent that the whole landscape has changed.

Even Africa has felt the change—not only in Britain but in the whole of the Northern Hemisphere—has been going on for a century.

Today, after studying and analysing the reports of a corps of correspondents, I can present a new and remarkable picture of a changing landscape, in which glaciers, the Sahara Desert, birds, fish and even the forests are on the move.

In parts of South America

the average temperature is estimated to have risen 8deg. F. since 1880. The

glaciers in the Peruvian Andes have been melting at an astonishing rate.

Evidence abounds that, with the amelioration of the climate in Northern Europe, the flora and with it the fauna, has steadily moved to higher latitudes. Consequent upon the migration of cod to more northern waters, the Greenlanders are turning from seal hunting to cod fishing. In 1912 only an occasional cod was caught off their west coast; in 1925 the catch reached 10,000 tons; in 1946 it was 13,000 tons.

Other fish which have migrated farther north are haddock, halibut, and herring.

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In Iceland, more barley is

being grown, while northern species of both birds and insects are being replaced by southern species.

In Northern Scandinavia, the trees are spreading rapidly above their former limits. Areas of Sweden formerly bare

now often find themselves a mile away. The Pontresina Glacier, for instance, receded a mile in 80 years. Some glaciers, including the well-known ones in front of the Berliner Hütte, have completely disappeared.

The Russians have for some

time been claiming exten-

sive agricultural developments well inside the Arctic Circle. No more striking evidence can be found of the warming up of northern climes than in the changing habits of birds.

Mr James Fisher, the ornithologist, tells me that the fieldfare, blown from South East Norway to Greenland by a gale in 1937, has now established breeding colonies there. Iceland has been colonised in recent years by the starling, short-eared owl, shoveler, tufted duck, and three species of gull. During the past 30 years the zone in Finland where both brambling and chaffinch breed has shifted nearly 150 miles northward.

He will not, however, commit himself to any opinion as to whether the warming-up is likely to continue.

According to the bad weather of 1950, he told me: "In a few years' time we may be looking back to 1950 as the first year of a change back to worsening conditions."

Expert view

MEN in various branches of science—including meteorologists, glaciologists, and astronomers—are probing the accumulating data for clues as to the cause of the changes and hints as to what the future may hold.

One theory put forward for the earth's warming-up is that it may be due to increased solar radiation. This view is not so popular as it was, because, to instance one objection, increased radiation would mean greater evaporation, with more cloud, which has a cooling effect.

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THE CASE OF THE HOWLING DOG

(CHAPTER 10)

THIS courtroom atmosphere was stale with that psychic stench which comes from packed humans whose emotions are roused to a high pitch of excitement.

Judge Markham, veteran judge of the criminal department, who had presided over so many famous murder trials, sat behind the massive mahogany rostrum with an air of complete detachment. Only a skilled observer would have noticed the wary watchfulness with which he followed the proceedings through his mind.

Claude Drumm, chief trial deputy of the district attorney's office, tall, well-favored, suave, was very much at his ease. Perry Mason had inflicted stinging defeat before, but in this case the prosecution was certain of a verdict.

Perry Mason sat at the counsel table, with an air of indolent listlessness about him which marked a complete indifference to the entire case. His attitude was in contrast to the accepted attitude of defense attorneys who make a practice of vigorously contesting every step of the case.

The jury was sworn. Claude Drumm made an opening argument—brief, forceful, and to the point. It seemed that he had stolen a leaf from the book of Perry Mason, and was determined to skip over all preliminaries, directing his attention upon one smashing blow.

"Gentlemen of the jury," he said, "I propose to show that on the night of the seventeenth of October of this year, Clinton Forbes was shot to death by the defendant in this case. I shall make no secret of the fact that the defendant had a grievance against the deceased. I shall not try to minimize that grievance. I shall put the facts entirely before you, freely, openly, and frankly. I propose to show that the deceased was the husband of this defendant; that the parties had lived together in Santa Barbara until approximately a year before the date of the defendant's death; that the defendant had then surreptitiously departed without advising the defendant where he intended to go and that the defendant took with him one Paula Cartright, the wife of a mutual friend; that the parties came to this city where Forbes established a residence at 4889 Milpas Drive, under the name of Clinton Foley, and that Paula Cartright posed as Evelyn Foley, the wife of the deceased. I propose to show that the defendant in this case purchased a Colt automatic of thirty-eight calibre; that she devoted more than one year of her life to a careful and painstaking search, trying to locate the deceased; that shortly before the date of the murder, she located the deceased, and that she then came to the city and engaged a room in a downtown hotel, under the name of Mrs. C. M. Dangerfield.

"I expect to show that on the night of October 17th, at the hour of approximately twenty-five minutes past seven, the defendant arrived at the house occupied by her husband; that she used a skeleton key to pick the lock of that house, and entered the corridor; that she encountered her husband and shot him down cold-bloodedly; that she then departed by taxicab, and discharged the cab in the vicinity of the Breckmont Hotel, the hotel where she was registered under the name of Dangerfield.

"I propose to show that when she left the taxicab, she inadvertently left behind her handkerchief. I propose to show that this handkerchief is undoubtedly the property of the defendant; that the defendant, recognizing the danger of leaving behind so deadly a clue, sought out the driver of the taxicab and had the handkerchief returned to her.

"I propose to show that the weapon which was purchased by the defendant, and for which she signed her name on the register of firearms, as kept by a sporting goods dealer in Santa Barbara, California, was the same weapon with which the deadly shots were fired. Upon this evidence I shall ask the jury to return a verdict of guilty of murder in the first degree."

"I shall establish the corpus delicti by calling Thelma Benton. May it please to understand that I am calling her at this time only for the purpose of establishing the corpus de-

licti. I shall examine her in greater detail later on."

"Very well," said Judge Markham, "that will be the understanding."

Thelma Benton came forward, held up her hand and was sworn. She took the witness stand and testified that her name was Thelma Benton; that she resided in the Riverview Apartments; that she had been acquainted with Clinton Forbes for more than three years; that she had been in his employ as a secretary in Santa Barbara, and that she was with him when he left Santa Barbara, and came with him to the residence at 4889 Milpas Drive, where she became his housekeeper.

Claude Drumm nodded.

"Did you have occasion, on the evening of October 17th of this year," he asked, "to see a dead body in the house at 4889 Milpas Drive?"

"I did."

"Whose body was that?"

"It was the body of Clinton Forbes."

"He had rented that house under the name of Clinton Foley?"

"He had."

"And who resided there with him?"

Mrs. Paula Cartright, who went under the name of Evelyn Foley and posed as his wife; Ah Wong, Chinese cook, and myself."

"There was also a police dog?"

"There was."

"What was the name of the dog?"

"Prince."

"How long had Mr. Forbes owned this police dog?"

"Approximately four years."

"You had become acquainted with the dog in Santa Barbara?"

"I had."

"And the dog accompanied you to this city?"

"He did."

"And you, in turn, accompanied Mr. Forbes and Mrs. Cartright?"

"I did."

"At the time you saw the dead body of Clinton Forbes, did you also see the police dog?"

"I did."

"Where was the police dog?"

"In the same room."

"What was his condition?"

"He was dead."

"Did you notice anything which would indicate to you the manner of death?"

"Yes, the police dog had been shot, and Mr. Forbes had been shot. There was a .38 Colt automatic lying on the floor. There were also four empty cartridges on the floor of the room, where they had been ejected by the automatic mechanism of the weapon."

"When did you last see Clinton Forbes alive?"

"On the evening of October 17th."

"At approximately what hour?"

"At approximately the hour of six-fifteen o'clock in the evening."

"Were you at the house after that hour?"

"I was not. I left at that time, and Mr. Clinton Forbes was alive and well then. The next time I saw him he was dead."

"Where was the dog kept?"

"The dog," said Thelma Benton, "had been kept chained in the bathroom since the time when a complaint was made by a neighbour."

"I think," said Claude Drumm, "that you may cross-examine upon the matters thus far brought out in evidence."

Perry Mason nodded his head languidly. The eyes of the jurors shifted to him. He spoke in a deeply resonant voice, but without emphasis, and in a low tone.

"The complaint was made that the dog was howling," he added, almost conversationally.

"Yes."

"By the next-door neighbour?"

"Yes."

"And that neighbour was Mr. Arthur Cartwright, the husband of the woman who was posing as the wife of Clinton Forbes?"

"Yes."

"Was Mrs. Cartwright in the house at the time of the murder?"

"She was not."

"Where was she, if you know?"

"I don't know."

"When did you last see her?"

Claude Drumm was on his feet.

"Your Honour," he said, "it is obvious that this will be

part of the case of the defendant. It is improper cross-examination at this time."

"Overruled," said Judge Markham. "I will permit the question because you asked, on direct examination, about the various occupants, of the house. I think the question is proper."

"Answer the question," said Perry Mason.

Thelma Benton raised her voice slightly and spoke rapidly.

"Paula Cartright," she said, "left the house on the morning of the 17th of October. She left behind her a note stating that . . ."

"We object," said Claude Drumm, "to the witness testifying as to the contents of the note. In the first place, it is not responsive to the question. In the second place, it is not the best evidence."

"No," said Judge Markham, "it is not the best evidence."

"Where then," asked Perry Mason, "is the note?"

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"Your Honour," he said, "it is obvious that this will be

About ten minutes past seven."

"Where?"

"In the vicinity of Ninth and Masonic Streets."

"What did she do?"

"She signalled me, and I pulled in to the kerb. She told me she wanted to go to 4889 Milpas Drive. I took her out there and then she told me to go and ring up Parkerrest 62945 and ask for Arthur, and tell him to go over to Clint's house right away, because Clint was having a showdown with

"Perry Mason turned abruptly and dramatically toward the back of the crowded courtroom. He flung out a hand in a swift, dramatic gesture.

"And you're as certain that it was the defendant who called for the handkerchief, as you are that it was the defendant who hired you to take her out to Milpas Drive?"

"Yes, it was the same person."

"Then what happened?"

"Then she came out and I took her back to a place right behind the Breckmont Hotel, and she got out."

"Did you see her again that night?"

"Yes."

"When?"

"There was a moment of awkward silence. Thelma Benton looked toward the district attorney.

"I have it," said Claude Drumm, "and intend to introduce it later on."

"I think," said Judge Markham, "the cross-examination upon this point has proceeded far enough, and that the question as to the contents of the note will not be permitted."

"Very well," said Perry Mason.

"Where then," asked Perry Mason, "is the note?"

"Call Sam Marson," said Claude Drumm.

Sam Marson was sworn, took the witness stand, and testified that his name was Sam Marson; that his age was thirty-two; that he was a taxicab driver, and had been such on the 17th of October of the present year.

"Did you see the defendant on that date?" asked Claude Drumm.

"Yes, sir."

"And absolutely certain that it was the defendant who hired your taxicab?"

"Yes, sir."

"And absolutely certain that it was the defendant who came to you later on that same evening and asked you about the handkerchief?"

"Yes, sir."

"And if you are mistaken as to the identity of the woman who called for the handkerchief, you might



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PROSPECTS FOR TOMORROW'S RACES

AT THE VALLEY
Vagabond King Favoured
To Win The Main Event

By "RAPIER"

The Second Race Meeting under the auspices of the Hongkong Jockey Club will be held at the Valley tomorrow.

The First Saddling Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. with the first race starting at 2 p.m. sharp.

Tomorrow another interesting programme of eight events will be decided, and it may be worth while to point out that the majority of them are sprint affairs and that a little care in noting the draw for positions may prove profitable.

RACE ONE

Hurst Park Handicap (First Section): From Near The 1½ Mile Post.

In this opening event, which will be contested by Australian ponies class 6 with Novice Jockeys as riders, it is a difficult matter to select the winner on account of the short distance.

First of all we have Ringwood to consider. It will on this occasion be taken care of by Mr Dau and, remembering the way it ran third in the Lyndhurst Handicap (First Section) at the 11th Race Meeting, many will no doubt rely on it when making their bets.

Personally, I think that Ringwood should win, but Thunderjet (with Mr Chuang up) is also a dangerous contender, being a fast moving animal.

Then there is Constant Star (Mr Auchinc) and although it has not done anything of note at recent outings, I think it will find the short distance more to its liking.

Ingrid (Mr Chan) is most difficult pony to handle, but if it will only take into its head to run tomorrow a surprise is in store from this combination.

Autumn Leaf (Mr Liu) and The Tigress (Mr Cook) are both capable sprinters, and either one of them can upset calculations.

RACE SIX

Doncaster Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is a sprint event for the Second Section of class 5, Australian Ponies.

Mr Renfrew has the choice of taking out Speed Bird or Uncle Willie.

If he decides on Speed Bird, he will have a pony capable of winning.

Once off the mark, it can move fairly fast.

Rasher (Mr Maitland) is the more dangerous pony here, however, it ran poorly in the Tail of the Bank Handicap (Second Section) at the 12th Race Meeting, but that should not be taken as any indication of the pony's form.

Mastery (Mr Kwok) is very lightly treated, and for that reason it should not be disregarded.

Autumn Leaf (Mr Liu) and The Tigress (Mr Cook) are both capable sprinters, and either one of them can upset calculations.

RACE SEVEN

Ascot Handicap: One Mile.

This may be regarded as the most important event of the day and is confined to Australian Ponies Class 1B.

Vagabond King (Mr Vong)

ran second to Amazon with Mr Boycott up in the St Andrew's Stakes, from near the two miles post once round and in, at the 12th Race Meeting, and it certainly appears the best recommendation for a win here.

Anything is likely to happen, however, and the defeat of Vagabond King by either Arabian Dagger (Mr Shiekh) or World Peace (Mr Maitland) is not by any means impossible.

True, Arabian Dagger has not done anything of note for a long time, but I have a feeling it is due for a win.

World Peace has been most disappointing the last time out by running unplaced.

Tomorrow it will be given a grand chance of avenging its previous defeat.

I consider Vagabond King the best pony here, with Arabian Dagger second and World Peace third with Egyptian Field (Mr Holgate) as the outsider.

RACE SEVEN

Hurst Park Handicap (Third Section): From Near The 1½ Mile Post.

Among the entries for this race, I like the chances of Toowoompa Boy (Mr Renfrew), Baylight (Mr Symonds), Dashing Beauty II (Mr Shu) and Fiesta.

Toowoompa Boy won the Hungry Bay Handicap (Third Section) over Six Furlongs for class 7 ponies at the last meeting, and on that account it was promoted and penalised by 7 lbs.

As it is happier over a short distance, I think it will win again.

Baylight is dangerous, and if

it only reproduces a glimpse of its old form, it will give both Toowoompa Boy and Baylight a great fight.

Fiesta is very fit, and is

capable of causing an upset.

Toowoompa Boy should win,

with Baylight second and Dashing Beauty II third.

RACE EIGHT

Newmarket Handicap (Second Section): One Mile.

The second lot of Australian Ponies class 4 will form the opposition in the final event of the day, with the following to choose from:

The Chief (Mr Maitland), Sookunpots (Mr Shu), Shun Lee (Mr Renfrew) and Anna (Mr Holgate).

The Chief lost to V-J Day by a short head with Mr Symonds

up in the Goodwin Handicap (First Section) over the mile,

and it may be that with Mr Maitland riding it tomorrow the pony will win.

Sookunpots was fourth in this

race, and it may perform better tomorrow.



ARRIVALS

"FELIX ROUSSEL" from Marseilles via Saigon 14th Jan.
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JOHNNY HAZARD



By Frank Robbins

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

C. SUET, ESQ., has suggested that the tinned crab we bought from Russia, who didn't want it, to sell to America, who doesn't want it and is sending it back to us, who don't want it, should be sent back to Russia for despatch, via America, to us.

Suet says that if it is sent back direct to us from America, there will be no machinery to deal with it, but that if shopkeepers and public can be told that it was sent back through the normal channels mentioned above, there will be more chance of keeping it in the warehouses until it can be sent to America again before being returned, via Russia, to us for the third time.

Short detective story

A BARRISTER was walking A through Belgrave-square at 6 a.m. on an August morning. He saw a man in shirt-sleeves signalling from a doorway. He approached, and the man said, "There's a dead horse in the library. Help me to get it out." So the barrister and the man hauled the dead horse down the stairs and into the street. "How did this happen?" asked the barrister. "There was a dance here last night," said the man. "Oh," said the barrister. At that moment a French sailor leaned from a top window of the house and threw his hat to the pavement. The barrister said, "Was this horse his?" "No," said the man. "The horse was dead when it was brought in." How did the barrister know that the man was lying?

(See Page One, Col. V.)

The town-crier of Mont-Louis

THE phrase "A voice like a town-crier," caught my eye. For I never hear one without thinking of the Tambourinaire of Mont-Louis, who came shouting down the street after three days of continuous rain. The gutters were roaring and swishing with water, and the caves were splashing over into the roadway. The official, holding an enormous umbrella in one hand, proceeded to read from a paper which he held in the other. The gist of his message was that the inhabitants were requested to conserve

water during these summer months. To mock his loud voice a minor cloudburst set the whole street awash.

Marginal note

THE figure of nearly 21,000 casualties on the roads has apparently appalled the people who, hitherto, have always consoled themselves with the reflection that this is "the price we must all pay for progress."

I now await statistics proving that all these accidents were due to the criminal stupidity and selfishness of pedestrians.

DUMB-BELLS

THANKS FOR YOUR WORK
THAT'S THE LARGEST SYNDICATE

YOUR BIRTHDAY ... By STELLA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12

If you are born today, you are efficient, business-like and practical. You have modern ideas about things and like to see them put into action. Inventions of all kinds intrigue you, and you like to develop them commercially. You are quite shrewd and are considered very astute in sizing up a situation or closing an important deal. Business is strictly business, and you will not let anything interfere.

However, there is another side of your nature which is an entirely different picture. At home, you are exactly the opposite—rather indulgent and easy-going. Remember it is sometimes necessary to be stern and exercise discipline even with those you love. A large part of your life centres in your

home and children. You of the fair sex are exceptionally fine home-makers and mothers. It is quite likely that you will make what is called a "good match" but this does not necessarily mean that it wouldn't be a love match, as well.

Since you are highly intuitive, it is likely that your first impressions are the right ones. Learn to follow them for the best results. Your dreams also are likely to be significant. Pay attention to them. The stars have given you excellent health and if you take care of it you should live to ripe, old age, in the best of spirits.

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—This is a week end for rest and relaxation. Spend some time with a close friend enjoyably.

ARISES (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Take a short trip with a friend to some spot which you have not visited for some time.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Perhaps this is the day for a children's party. Plan it carefully and it will be a huge success.

LIBRA (Mar. 21-Apr. 19)—Manage to get some active, out door exercise today. It is good for the health and builds energy!

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 21)—This might be a good night for a party at your home. Extend invitation to neighbourhood friends.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—A fine evening for music and dancing. Join some congenial friends and enjoy yourself thoroughly.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Promotion, publicity and all publishing projects are highly favoured just now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Plan an outing with a child and you can bring mutual enjoyment. How about a museum trip?

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—The stars are favourable to new ideas now. Creative work is particularly favoured at this time.

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Anti-Hoarding Measure

Washington, Jan. 11. The United States today made it illegal to hoard supplies of natural or synthetic rubber.

The National Production Authority added rubber to the materials subject to anti-hoarding provisions.

Other items were: Industrial ethyl, alcohol, chlorine, zinc dust, and oxides and these textile materials:—burlap (hessian), cotton pulp, high tenacity rayon yarn and nylon staple and nylon filament yarn.—Reuter.

Wall Street Recovers Lost Ground

Amazing Display Of Strength

New York, Jan. 11. The stock market leaped ahead today in an amazing display of strength and established a new 1950-51 high.

Prices recovered all the ground lost in Wednesday's severe slump—and more.

Gains ranged to \$1 and \$3 a share among leaders, and in some cases much higher.

Superior Oil of California jumped \$25 to \$300.

On average, the market again stands at the highest level in more than 20 years.

Inflation psychology, plus renewed Korean peace feelings in the United Nations backed by the British, were taken into account by brokers in explaining the upsurge of prices.

Just before the close, there was a big forward push that gave a sharp lift to rails and radio television issues.

The tape was late at the close. Transfers were 3,400,000.

Among the gainers were Pepsico, Baldwin, Lima, Baltimore and Ohio, Hayes Manufacturing, Standard Gas and Electric.

Dow Jones averages:

Stocks	80.44
20 Industrials	244.72
15 Rails	80.07
10 Utilities	42.08

Associated Press.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET

The volume of business transacted on the Stock Exchange this morning was valued at \$68,850. The half day's business and noon closing prices were as follows:—

SHARES BUYERS SELLERS SALES GOVT. LOANS 31% (1940) 5000 Q 90 BANKS H.H. Bank ... 115 H.H. ... 105 INSURANCES Union ... 510 Underwriters 21/2 H.H. Fire ... 145 Docks & Cts. K. Wharf ... 79 Provident ... 101/2 Stal. Dock ... 2000 Q 3 LAND, ETC. H.H. ... 20, 21, 300 Q 20 Humphreys 01/2 UTILITIES Tram ... 800 000 Q 10 Star Ferry ... 71 C. Light (N.Y.) ... 500 Q 50 C. Light (N.Y.) ... 20 000 Q 20 Electric ... 20 000 Q 20 Telephone ... 91/2 INDUSTRIAL Cement ... 10.10 10.10 Rope ... 11 12 STORES, ETC. Dairy (New) ... 9 Watson ... 20

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE IN A QUIET MOOD

London, Jan. 11. The London Stock Exchange was quiet and occasionally lower today under the influence of the rather gloomy forecast of Britain's prospects for 1951 by Chancellor of the Exchequer Hugh Gaitskell.

Government bonds were fractionally down where changes were registered and losses of a few pence were shown by many industrials.

Oils and shipping issues maintained their positions but gold shares were lower.

Financial Times' Index: 118.0. Associated Press.

Exchange Rates

Dollars were down in the local foreign exchange market this morning at the following rates:—Sterling note (per £) ... 15.00 U.S. dollars (per \$) ... 6.01 Australian dollars (per 100) ... 1.40 New Zealand (per 100) ... 1.20 Singapore (Straits) ... 1.70 F.I.C. pounds (per £) ... 1.70

Bulk-Buying Contest In Rubber May Develop Between America And Russia

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Following yesterday's rise in the price of rubber—at one time it touched 5s. 4d. a pound—London rubber dealers are wondering whether a "bulk-buying contest" between the United States and Russia is beginning to develop.

It was suggested this morning that the recent heavy purchases of rubber by Russia may be a sign that she is alarmed at the American decision to bulk-purchase the commodity. Russia may fear she will be squeezed out of the market.

Reports that the British, American and French Governments have approved a scheme to allocate supplies of scarce raw materials—including rubber—may also have prompted Russian buying.

AMAZING BIDDING IN WOOL

Sydney, Jan. 11. The world record price for greasy Merino wool was broken five times today in an astonishing bidding sequence at the Sydney wool auction.

A new record high of 302 Australian pence per pound was reached twice in the first half hour of the sale.

Earlier in the session, prices ranged up to 297 pence.

The previous record high was 290 pence set in Geelong on Nov. 16.

The record-breaking prices were paid for extra superfine wool from Yass and the New Zealand districts.

An Australian record high of 223 pence per pound for comeback wool was paid today at the Albury auction.—Associated Press.

INCREASE IN PRICE OF CEMENT

Prices of British ordinary and rapid hardening Portland cements have been raised by 4s a ton. This is to cover the cost of selling imports from the Continent of cement and cement clinker this year.

The increase is announced by the Cement Makers' Federation, who state that imports will conform to British standard specifications and will be re-sold at the same prices as British cement.

Virgin aluminium in ingot form will cost manufacturers 3.3 per cent. more. The Ministry of Supply announced that the price would go up from £120 to £124 a ton. This would apply only to metal of a purity of 99 per cent. to 99.5 per cent.

The price change, due to a rise in the cost of supplies, would have a "negligible effect" on retail prices. A shortage is expected to persist during the early months of this year, but the year's total supplies should be higher than during 1950.

The maximum prices of bright nuts and bolts, set screws, studs and washers have also been increased under a Ministry of Supply order. A spokesman said the increases were "not substantial" but covered too wide a range of small articles to enable details to be given.

Gloves made of sheepskin but not containing any other kind of fur skin, will be subject to purchase tax of only 33 1/3 per cent. Instead of 100 per cent. hitherto the lower tax rate has applied only if the gloves were designed for industrial use.

Cost Of Motoring Up In Britain

London. Motorists and transport undertakings begin the New Year with still higher running costs. Car tyres are up by about 20 percent.

Motor-cycle tyres are 15 per cent dearer and cycle tyres cost 10 per cent more. Shell-Mex announce increases of between 8d and 1s in lubricating oils.

The increase in the price of tyres is the fourth and heaviest in a little over 12 months. Like the last rise of 17 1/2 per cent on Oct. 1, it is stated to be due to dearer rubber, cotton and other basic materials. These have gone up at least fourfold during the past year.

The manufacturers say that only the actual additions to factory costs are being passed on to the consumer. There will be no increases in retailers' profit.

Examples of the new prices are as follows:

Small Cars (440 by 17 tyre): Covers £5 7s 2d (old price £4 9s 4d), tubes £1 0s 5d (old price 17s).

10-12 hp. Cars (600 by 16 tyre): Covers £5 15s 7d (2s 4d 10s 4d), tubes £1 0s 5d (17s).

Medium Cars (600 by 16 tyres): Covers £7 15s 1d (2s 6s 3d), tubes £1 7s 0d (21 1/2 s 1d).

Big Cars (700 by 16 tyres): Covers £12 11s 0d (21 1/2 s 0d), tubes £2 1/2 s 0d (£1 2s 1d).

The increases announced by Shell-Mex cover industrial, marine and motor lubricants.

Car tyres are quoted, than ever.

Associated Press.

Financial Times' Index: 118.0. Associated Press.

Malayan Tin Hits A New High Level

Heavy Buying From Europe Reported

Singapore, Jan. 11. Malayan tin skyrocketed to a new all-time record price high today of \$666.50 (Straits) per picul.

The price, which has risen steadily over the past two weeks, jumped \$25 (Straits) over Wednesday's closing.

The highest previous figure recorded was \$642 last Nov. 8.

Brokers reported good all-round heavy orders especially from continental Europe and South America.—Associated Press.

NEW YORK RECORD

New York, Jan. 11. The diminishing fears of immediate price control action and the strength in the stock market combined to send cotton futures sharply higher in the last half-hour. The final trading carried nearly March contract to 44.18 cents a pound, the highest level in eight years in the history of the New York Cotton Exchange.

The background factors in aiding the rally included the rumour that the E.C.A. shortly would allow cotton purchases to Spain, this followed the announcement the Agency had granted \$1,000,000 credit to Australia with contracting to begin on January 17, also traders understood that the country by country breakdown of the remaining 600,000 bales of cotton for export would be announced on Friday.

The market opened up 11 to 20 points and closed up 6 to 34 points. Prices closed today as follows:

	44.20
March (1951)	44.10 - 44.12
May	43.60 - 43.68
July	43.24 - 43.30
October	42.90 - 43.20
March (1952)	39.91
May	39.40

United Press.

NEW ORLEANS MARKET

Closing rate

London, Jan. 11.

The tin market had a firm and active morning session today. Turnover was 210 tons, including 25 tons for cash.

Prices closed today at the end of the official morning session as follows:

Spot (1951) 44.15

March (1951) 44.10 - 44.11

May 43.04 - 43.08

July 43.19

October 39.79

March (1952) 39.64

May 39.34

CONTROLS IN U.S. FORECAST

Washington, Jan. 11.

President Harry Truman said today that price and wage controls are on the way.

They will be put into effect as soon as possible, he told his news conference.

As to whether prices will be rolled back to some previous level, he said he would have to cross that bridge when he got to it.—Associated Press.

New York Sugar Lower

New York, Jan. 11.

Domestic sugar futures No. 6 closed one lower to two higher.

March 5.69 nominal

May 5.63

September 5.61

World sugar futures No. 4 closed four to six lower.

March 5.53

May 5.51

September 5.52

Raw sugar spot 5.52 nominal

NEW YORK BANK QUOTATIONS

New York, Jan. 11.

Closing bank quotations:

Bank of America 25 1/2 bid

Chase National Bank 37 1/2 asked

National City Bank 47 1/2 asked

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "LEISE MARSK"

having arrived from New York and ports of call. Consignees are hereby notified that their goods are now being landed and placed at their risk and expense into the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Company's godowns at Kowloon. Goods may be delivered as soon as the goods are landed.

Optional cargo will not be landed here. Notice notice has been given 48 hours prior to vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port the final port of call to which the option extends.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 18th January, 1951, will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns where they will be examined on the 18th January, 1951, at 10 a.m. by our Surveyors Messrs. Goddard & Douglas.

To comply with the General Bonded Warehouses Regulations consignees must have a Revenue Officer in attendance when damaged dutiable goods are examined.

All claims must reach us before the 11th February, 1951, or they will not be recognized.

No insurance will be effected.

JEDISEN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1951.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

m/v "CHANGSHA"

Arrived 10th January, 1951.

Damaged cargo ex. this vessel will be surveyed by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf, No. 50 Godown & Warehouse, Kowloon, Hong Kong, on the 18th January, 1951, and consignees representatives are requested to be present during survey.

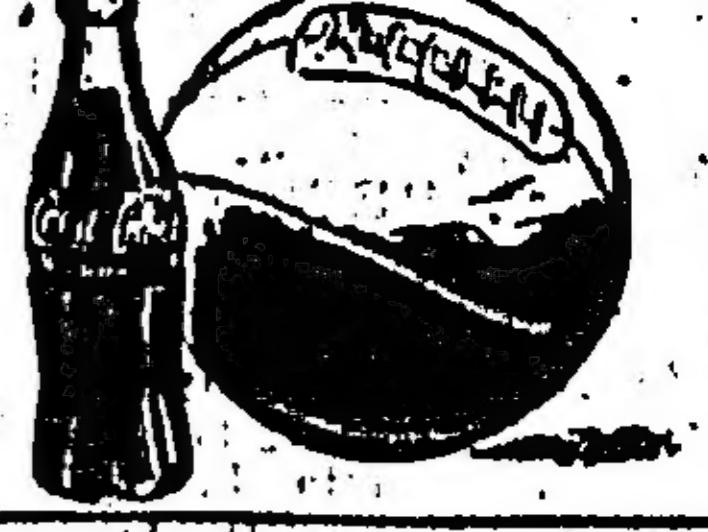
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Mail Notices

A surface mail to United Kingdom per RMS Corfu will be closed on January 18. All mail is expected to arrive in London on or about February 10. Unless otherwise stated, registered articles (by air or sea) and parcel posts close one hour earlier than the ordinary mail;表面郵件在英國的郵局將於1月18日停止。所有郵件預期在2月10日左右到達倫敦。除非另有說明，註冊郵件（空運或海運）和包裹郵件在普通郵件停止後的一小時內停止。

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
Closing Times By Air
Siam, India, Pakistan, Persian Gulf Ports, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, N.W. Europe & France, 5 p.m.; B.N. Borneo, Australia and New Zealand, 5 p.m.; Hawaii & U.S.A. (letter second class mail and parcels); Guam, (letters and second class mail); Canada, (letters only), 5 p.m.; Malaya, Indonesia, Ceylon & India, Formosa, 5 p.m.; Indo-China, 3 p.m.; B.N. Borneo, 5 p.m.;
SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
Closing Times By Air
Formosa, 3 p.m.; Malaya, 3 p.m.; Indo-China, 3 p.m.;
SUNDAY, JANUARY 14
Closing Times By Air
Philippines & B.N. Borneo, 3 p.m.; Siam, Burma, India, Pakistan, Iraq, Iran, Egypt, East & South Africa, Mauritius, Great Britain, N.W. Europe & France, 5 p.m.; Japan, 5 p.m.; Japan & Korea, 5 p.m.; Indo-China, 5 p.m.; Formosa, 5 p.m.; Philippines, 5 p.m.;
CLOSING TIMES BY SEA
Indo-China, 9 a.m.; Philippines, 9 a.m.; Siam, 9 a.m.

Official Appointments

The following appointments were notified in the Gazette:

Mr C. G. F. F. Melmott to act as an Assistant Director of Commerce and Industry, in addition to his other duties, during the absence of Mr J. J. Cowperthwaite.

The appointment of Capt. L. M. Silva as a Registrar of Persons has been revoked on his transfer to the Department of Commerce and Industry.

Mr William Sprague has been appointed an Official Justice of the Peace.

THE "YOU" OF HIS DREAMS

When music weaves its magic spell at the opening night of the holiday cotillions . . . you'll be there in romantic, memorable ball gown of "SPECTACULAR SPLENDOUR" selected from MODE ELITE's recently air-delivered marvelous new collection. Our selections of gowns for all occasions, capes-jackets in luxurious velvets and furs for important occasions, are "COMPLETE". Our prices are NOT advanced. Come in and see for yourself.

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Cannot Be Deported

Three Chinese Hold In Manila

Manila, Jan. 12. Three Chinese accused of purchasing war materials here for Communist China will not be deported in the immediate future, the Immigration Bureau said.

Immigration officials and the Chinese Nationalist Embassy here denied reports from Taipai that the three accused Red agents would be flown to Formosa today for trial by Nationalist authorities.

General Li Tsui-min, former Nationalist Army officer, and Hongkong businessmen George and K. H. Powell Khoong were arrested last spring on charges of shipping aircraft parts, radar and radio equipment to the Reds. Their deportation to Formosa was ordered by the Immigration Board but the court appeals have stalled execution of the order.

They are being held in an immigration detention cell.

Their pleas for freedom on behalf of habeas corpus were denied by a Manila court, but the Khoongs have appealed to the Philippine Supreme Court and General Li may make a similar appeal.

"We cannot deport them now because they are still under the jurisdiction of the courts," said Antonio Hogilla, assistant to the Immigration Commissioner.

Mr Hogilla said the court appeals would probably drag on for months. — Associated Press.

STRANGE NEW FISH CAUGHT



This strange looking fish was caught by the Danish ship Galathaea which recently called in at Cape Town during her two-year voyage around the world. The fish was brought up from a depth of 3,000 feet during operations north of Walvis Bay off the South African coast. As yet unidentified it is believed to be a form of primitive cod-fish of an unknown species. — London Express Service.

No Peace At Any Price

Washington, Jan. 11. President Truman tonight bluntly rejected the idea of "peace at any price" with the Communist aggressors and said he would accept only "peace with freedom and justice."

The chief executive spoke at a buffet supper given by the Democratic National Committee for Democratic freshmen members of the House and Senate. Speaking extemporaneously, he said:

"This country and the free countries and free Asia must band together to put morals above material things. I do not want peace at any price. I want peace with freedom and justice."

Without specifically mentioning the Republicans, Mr Truman made a new bid for national unity during the current crisis. He said: "I sincerely hope that the great organisation—the Congress—will remember that honour and justice are greater for your children and mine than fat and ease."

UNMORAL SOVIET:

Mr Truman did not call the Russians by name but he said the people of the free nations now were faced by "people who make commitments only to break them." He said these people were not "immoral but unmoral."

Mr Truman paid lavish praise to Vice-President Alben Barkley and the Speaker of the House, Representative Sam Rayburn (Democrat, Texas), who spoke before him. Mr Barkley made a joke of referring to Mr Rayburn and himself as "statesmen" but the President took a slightly different view and defined a statesman as a "dead politician."

"I have no desire yet to be in that class," he said. Then he paused to pay extra tribute to Mr Barkley and Mr Rayburn for being "living statesmen."

Mr Truman was presented to the large gathering by the chairman of the National Committee, Mr William Boyle. Before the President spoke, he and the Congressmen had cocktails and dined at a lavish buffet which included everything from ham to pheasant pie. — United Press.

VACCINATION REGULATION

All passengers and crew arriving in Hongkong from Foochow must produce a valid certificate of vaccination against smallpox, it was notified in the Gazette. The order became effective as from January 6.

A valid certificate is one which shows that the holder has been vaccinated not more than three years before embarking in Foochow for Hongkong. He said: "He was unable to say at the present stage [January 6].

Two Men Charged With Armed Robbery

SEQUEL TO POLICE RAID

A Police party headed by Det. Insp. F. Roberts, Officer in charge of CID Central, raided an unnumbered hut at Wo Chai Village in Kowloon yesterday and arrested two more men alleged to have been responsible for the armed robbery at No. 213, Hollywood Road on December 27. A .38 revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition were found during the raid.

Appearing before Mr W. H. Latimer at Central this morning, Yan Chow, alias Yau Piu, 36, and Leung Chung, 32, unemployed, were charged with armed robbery at No. 213, Hollywood Road.

First accused was additionally charged with possession of a .38 Smith and Wesson revolver and 12 rounds of ammunition at Wo Chai Village, Kowloon, yesterday.

Another man named Yip Ming-hau, 22, was remanded yesterday by Mr Latimer in a charge in connection with the same armed robbery.

At the request of Insp. Roberts, the two accused were remanded until tomorrow for further enquiries.

Accused were alleged to have been responsible for robbing Tam Siu-wan of \$320 in cash, a lady's gold bracelet, Ng Sheung-ning of the lady's gold necklace, one gold finger ring set with jade, and one lady's wristwatch, Liu Lou-ze of one pair of gold ear-ring and Ng Ting-ping of a propelling pencil at 213 Hollywood Road on December 27.

Had Illegal Wireless Transmitter

A 35-year-old unemployed, Wong Tsui-wai, who claimed he was a reporter, was sentenced to four months and ordered to be expelled by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning for possession of a wireless transmitting set.

Det-Sub-Insp. Wu Tak-sin, told the Court on the morning of January 8, the Police raided No. 3 Somerset Road, Kowloon Tong, ground floor and found a wireless set in a canvas bag under a canvas bed.

Defendant claimed the set to be his and he told the Police that it was given to him by Cheung Wai-chung, a director of the Chu Mai News Agency in Swatow in February last year to be kept for him. Insp. Wu added that the set had not been used here although it could be used and he asked for a serious view to be taken of the offence.

Pending sentence, defendant cold that he intended to give it back to his friend. He also said that he had no money, and that his wife and children were in Swatow.

New YMCA Drama Club

The theatrical work of the YMCA in Salisbury Road, Kowloon is being focused into a weekly gathering of a Drama Club. Already this season the "Y" stage in the West Lounge has been used for the production of a Pantomime, sixteen variety shows for the Services, two Guest Night entertainments, including a Shakespeare Night.

The New Year will see the resumption of Saturday Night Shows, a January Revue, a Chinese New Year Diversion on Guest Nights, and an Easter Play.

Presently the new regulations were formulated long before a recent stir in the community and without any connection to direct events within or without the Colony within recent weeks, the spokesman said that was absolutely correct.

SIMPLY IN LINE

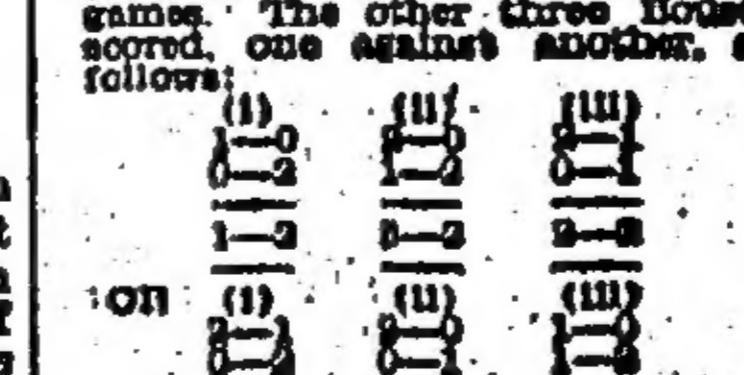
"We are simply going in line with the general preparations movement against the march of events," he remarked.

The spokesman was asked if Colonial manpower would be subject to draft in the Army and whether the regulations were similar to the National Service Act of 1939.

He said that the National Service Act applied to all persons resident in the United Kingdom, even to enemy nationals. What was required now was the registration of all British subjects in Hongkong. The British Commonwealth of Nations was a vast affair embracing many races and creeds among whom many claimed British nationality. He said: "He was unable to say at the present stage [January 6].

Intelligence Test Solution

(1) The score must be open: (2) Each House scores 8 points, so one house drawn at three points, the other house scored one against another, as follows:



In either case, (1) is Lorraine James Foster Dept. Laundry London Arrest Service.

Tried To Bribe Policeman Learner Driver Fined \$2,000

Wong Sun-yi, 21, student, residing at 80, Prince Edward Road, second floor, who tried to bribe a Police Sub-Inspector of the Traffic Branch with US\$30 as an inducement for qualifying him in a driving test, was fined \$2,000 by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Mr Winter remarked that it was a very serious offence, but he would not send defendant to prison as it would ruin his career. Defendant, a well educated man, should know what he was doing, said the Magistrate.

M. S. Ng-Quinn, representing defendant, submitted that his client committed the offence more through his own foolishness than as an intended crime. He said that in old China people used to give money in order to get their requirements quicker.

Defendant said that to do so was simply a matter of convenience.

Defence counsel said that Wong was a young person and a student of the Chu Mai College where his record was good. They produced a certificate by the principal of the College, showing that defendant was honest in school. Counsel said that he understood that a person was prepared to guarantee defendant's conduct.

Det-Sub-Insp. W. H. Summers, prosecuting, said that defendant was a learner driver and on Monday morning he went for a driving test with Sub-Insp. William H. Jackson. After going round certain areas, Insp. Jackson told defendant to stop. Defendant then gave a letter written in English which also contained US\$30 to Insp. Jackson. The letter said that defendant prayed for a driving licence and that the US\$30 was for coffee and cigarettes for Insp. Jackson. The Police officer then took him to the Shumshui Police Station.

Insp. Summers told the Court that defendant failed to qualify in the driving test.

Forged Notes Charge

Charged with possession of 4,801 forged 10-cent notes at an unnumbered hut in Homun, three unemployed men were remanded for three days in Police custody by Mr Winter at Kowloon this morning.

Another man, Wong Tin-yan, 36, shoe-repairer, charged with the same count, was discharged when the prosecution offered no evidence against him.

The three defendants remanded were Cheung San-ming, Cheung Ming-sing, alias Cheung Kwok-ming, 36, Leung Hon-man, 22, and Lee Sing, 41. They were alleged to have possessed the forged banknotes at Homun on January 8.

Det-Sub-Insp. E. K. I. O'Reilly prosecuted.

Check Your Knowledge Answers

1. The Cullinan diamond, found near Pretoria, S. Africa.
 2. A new route to China and the East Indies. S. At Casablanca, on the northwest coast of Morocco. 4. A mushroom.
 3. After the Spanish American War. 6. With a little point called the eye tooth on the end of the upper half of its bill.
- Associated Press

Australian Communists' Legal Battle Ends

Sydney, Jan. 11. The Australian High Court has ended the hearing of the challenge to the validity of the Communist Party Dissolution Act.

The challenge was made by the Australian Communist Party and 10 unions. Legal argument continued for 23 days.

The Court reserved judgment, which probably will be given in Melbourne this month or in February.

Then the Commonwealth government will know whether it can dissolve the Communist Party, declare affiliated organisations unlawful, and prohibit people declared to be Communists from commonwealth employment or office in industrial organisations.

The anti-Red Act was given Royal assent on October 20. The legal challenge began the following day when Judge Sir Owen Dixon made an interim injunction permitting the Commonwealth to seize Communist Party documents and papers, but not to dispose of them, and forbidding action against individuals and organisations. This restraint is continuing.

SEVEN JUDGES

Seven judges heard the case before the High Court. It was argued by 11 King's Counsel and 14 junior counsel. About 1,000,000 words were spoken.

The case raises the vital issue—whether the court should decide the relevant facts leading to the validity of Commonwealth legislation.

There was long argument on both sides whether Parliament in time of peace can dissolve organisations and declare individuals on the opinion of the Governor-General as representing the executive government.

The Commonwealth, during